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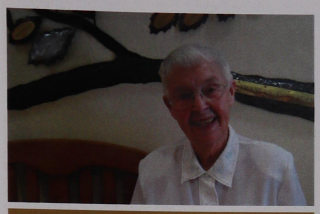

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President's Message by Ruth Dunlop

I can't believe this year has passed so quickly. As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun."

So many things have gone on this year. If you missed the exhibits, I'm sorry. If you missed our general meetings, actually, it was a great loss to you. They have been wonderful.

To recap a few exhibits and meetings: the Tongva Indians, the Tongva Story Teller, Winter Around the World, Art Work, Students' entries in the "History Lives Here" contest, Mr. E. Jim Helms, former mayor, and the opening of the Arcadia Mayors exhibit to name a few.

Also we mustn't forget the Historical Markers placed at First Avenue School, the Arcadia Park with all its history and the First City Hall. The next one will be placed at the Women's Club. In July, a marker will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce which will be celebraating its 75th anniversary.

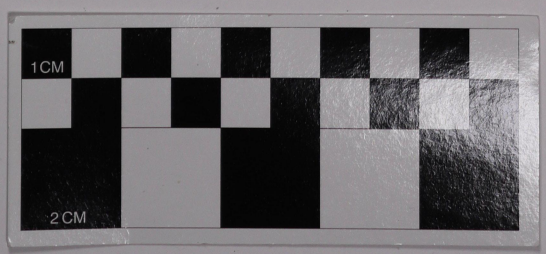
Speaking of the Chamber, remember when Alyce Jones was the Welcome Wagon Lady? She did that for about thirty years. I believe she was the only one. I don't remember anyone before or since her.

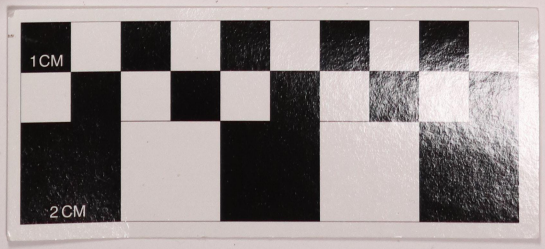
I was talking to Sharie Green, a long time resident and friend, who was welcomed by Alyce when they bought their home here. Their children were small then, now grown with children of their own. She said she was so grateful to this lovely lady who told her about the schools, churches, stores, doctor's offices, the Arboretum, etc. She gave Sharie maps, and extolled the virtues of Arcadia, a city of homes in which residents took great pride. Alyce had great love for Arcadia.

Maybe the city is growing too fast, now. Perhaps it would take two or three Alyces to do the job today, but wouldn't it be nice to greet newcomers once again.

So much history in Arcadia. Be sure to drop in frequently and look us over, especially when you're driving down Huntington Dr., anyway.

Ruth

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Ruth & Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

Summertime Celebration

June 20, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you aren't' cruisin' for a bruisin' and are looking for a hip way of spending the day then stop on by and have an ice cream float on us. Enjoy a treat popular in Arcadia during the 1950s. There will be other fun activities to celebrate summer in the 1950s.

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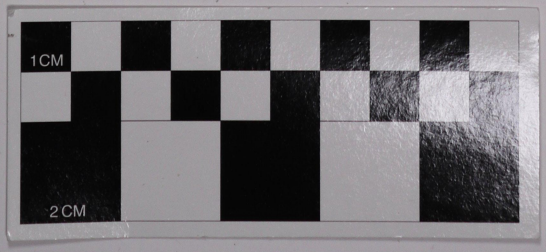

Arcadia Historical Museum presents...

BROWN BAG LUNCH TALKS

Ruth and Charles Gilb
Arcadia Historical Museum

The Museum will continue presenting our popular Brown Bag Lunch Talks which take place the third Thursday of every month at the Museum at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted on calendar below). Come and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events. Bring your own lunch and enjoy different topics from various speakers (**the Museum will no longer be serving pizza or refreshments due to budget constraints).** For information on each talk please call in advance or consult our website.

[Upcoming Talks]

July 16: "Arcadia Chamber of Commerce: 75 Years Shaping and Promoting Arcadia" by current and past Chamber Directors and Presidents

August: SUMMER BREAK, NO BROWN BAG SCHEDULED

September 17: "A Brief Introduction to Chinese Painting" by Master Ali Tam

October 15: "The Beat Goes On: Arcadia's Backyard Bands of the Sixties" by Gene Glasco

November 19: "Horseshoes and Hand Grenades" by Carolyn Conley (Host of RaceDay America on HRTV)

December: HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO BROWN BAG LUNCH TALK SCHEDULED

Museum Info:
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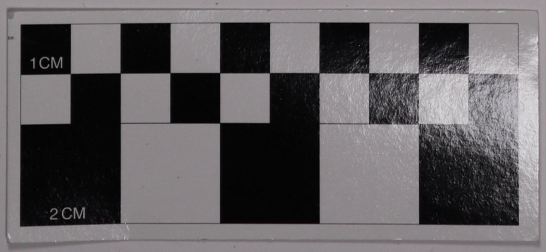

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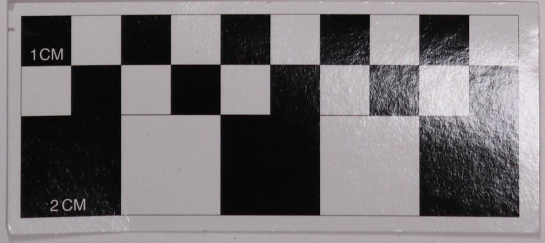
HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATED: THE WOMAN'S CLUB

A new Historical Marker showcasing vintage photographs and descriptions of The Woman's Club in Arcadia – marking 95 years of service (78 years in the same building) – was unveiled during a ceremony at 11 a.m. on Wednesday The Arcadia Historical Society, in conjunction with the City of Arcadia sponsored the event which was attended by dignitaries of the City of Arcadia as well as members of the Woman's Club who served the guests lunch after the ceremony. 95 Years of Service – 78 Years in the Same Building.
Photo By Terry Miller



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Around the world

Temple City hosts a multicultural day for a "Journey Around The World" on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Drive.

Multicultural entertainment, food, children's crafts and more will be offered.

Arcadia in the '20s

Join in the Brown Bag Lunch Talks at The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum, 380 W. Huntington Drive.

The May 21 event will feature speaker Roberta Ramsell discussing "Arcadia: Life in the '20s."

Brown Bag Lunch Talks take place the third Thursday of every month in the museum's meeting room. Guest speakers present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events.

Bring a lunch or enjoy complimentary pizza.

The program starts promptly at noon. Arrive early, seating is limited.

For information, call (626) 574-5440.

What was right about Derby

The American spirit was shown at its best at a recent race when the colt, Mine That Bird, a 50-to-1 long shot, was maneuvered to the rail by jockey Calvin Borel and suddenly burst through the competition to win by six and a half lengths. It is a story of determination and confidence by the trainer/co-owner Chip Woolley, jockey Borel and the colt. While the price of Dubai spent millions to buy, train and ship each horse he entered, Woolley and his partners paid $9,500 for Mine That Bird and he humbly trailed the colt behind his pick-up truck from New Mexico.

The race symbolized the American spirit. Men and women who believed in what they had and did their best; were hands-on in the process and were willing to take a chance against great odds. This great country's freedom encourages its people to dream big. It provides the opportunities for those people to work hard to make their dreams into realities. An unassuming New Mexican trainer in a cowboy hat and Wrangler jeans, hobbling on crutches, had a vision and faith in this $9,500 colt just to get him to the Derby.

The emotionally-charged jockey expertly rode past the competition. Mine the Bird did the rest.

The greatest prize in horse racing was earned with the investment of determination, faith and hard work deployed by talented individuals who were not intimidated by the competition. That is the American spirit that cannot be bought. We must celebrate, encourage and nurture the spirit by protecting our freedoms. It is what has made this country great and insure the future. To experience this race go to www.kentuckyderby.com.

Dorothy Cunningham

WOMAN'S CLUB HISTORIC MARKER

The Woman's Club of Arcadia building on First Avenue got its own Historical Marker on April 29 after 95 years of service and 78 in the same building.

The Arcadia Historical Society's Dedication ceremony featured city dignitaries. Among the approximately 40 attendees, who enjoyed a presentation about the history of the Woman's Club by Carol Libby and lunch and refreshments in the Woman's Club after the unveiling, were Councilmen Gary Kovacic (member of the Historical Marker committee), Bob Harbicht, Roger Chandler and Mayor Pro Tem Peter Amundson; City Manager Don Penman; Police Chief Robert Sanderson; Fire Chief Tony Trabbie; Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Costanza; and Director of Library and Museum Services Carolyn Garner-Reagan.

The president of the Regional Woman's Club and each of the representatives of Assemblyman Anthony Portantino and county Supervisor Mike Antonovich presented certificates of recognition to the Society and the Woman's Club.

Historical Markers have been placed at First Avenue School, the Arcadia Park with all its history and the First City Hall. In July, a marker will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary.

ENJOY A SWINGING EVENING OF BIG BAND MUSIC

The San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre will feature Paul Boland, singer and comic impressionist, to headline the event with band leader Richard Allen and his 17-piece orchestra. Hear your favorite 1930s and 40s songs during the production that will take place at the historic San Gabriel Mission Playhouse on June 13 at 8 p.m.

This family-friendly show will take audiences back to a time when dancing meant touching and everyone knew the lyrics. SGVMT will be taking song requests and dedications from the audience.

Star Paul Boland has been described as "the very best there is" by George Hamilton, and Wayne Newton called him "one of the greatest entertainers I know." For more information, call the box office at (626) 282-1440.

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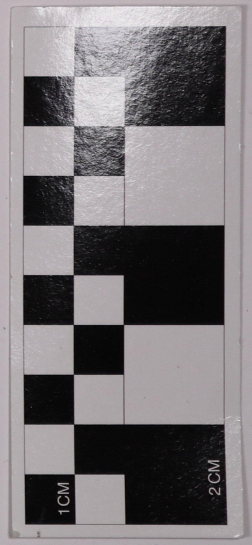

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Rotary honors senior citizen

For many years Rotary has annually held a Salute to Seniors Day. As always, the head of the force is the unflappable, humorous George Fasching.

It was held May 12 at the Community Center. Mayor John Wuo presented a proclamation to Rotary's President Bruce McCallum and proclaimed May 12 Salute to Seniors Day. There are over 10,000 seniors living in Arcadia who enrich our lives, especially with their volunteerism, he announced.

The mayor then presented a plaque to this year's honoree, Mary "Mickey" Ball. Ball has led an exemplary life of service and dedication, from her time in the military to her devotion to her family, from her unwavering belief in her students to her tireless commitment to our community. Mickey speaks of the people who have influenced her life molding her into a full-time volunteer.

"My volunteering days began when my teacher-friend Charlotte Davenport, first curator of the Arcadia Historical Museum, had me come in to keep records and join the Historical Society," Bell said.

Davenport also took Bell to the meeting of the California Retired Association, where she met her dearest friend, the fabulous Mildred Shaw.

Soon Shaw had Bell on her board and eventually filling the offices of the organization. Carol Libby, the second curator of the Historical Museum, put Bell to work on records and displays. She also introduced Bell to Arcadia Altrusa International, another group of dedicated women.

Then Floretta Lauber invited Bell to join the Arcadia Women's Club, where

Dorothy Cunningham

she met Mary Martinetti who found more volunteer opportunities to pursue.

"After the new Ruth and Charles Gilb Historical Museum opened, I found my sweetest forte of giving my time," Bell said.

"I feel lucky to live in a city which encourages and appreciates volunteerism," Bell said.

Vocalist Corinne Delgado from the San Gabriel Music Theatre entertained with her singing. Bugler Jay Cohen from Santa Anita Race Track, not only gave a demonstration of his skill on the horn but a delightful and humorous tale of his life.

George Fasching ended by introducing Arcadian Lily Morrill, who is 105 years young. She attributes her longevity to having a scotch drink each evening. For that the Rotarians presented her with the gift of a bottle of her favorite drink.

PANTAGES' "DIRTY DANCING"

The new tenant at the historic Pantages has been so eagerly awaited that the lobby at my performance was actually wall-to-wall with hysterical fans. But what unfolded onstage was totally unlike anything I had come to expect from this musical.There has never been seen here such special effects glitter. The orchestration is amplified to a thunderous degree. The lighting is simply out of this world and changes every single minute; the dancers arrive on the stage every five minutes in ensembles that had the TV stars from "Dancing With the Stars" agog; the furniture onstage never stops moving and, finally, a lake appears with the leads swimming in it. In the bat of an eye it disappears. And, of course, we all know how it is done: it's magic.

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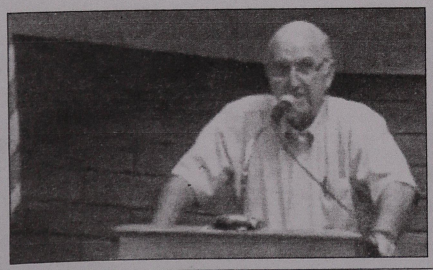
Photos courtesy of Dorothy Cunningham

The Rotary Club presents a bottle of her favorite drink to 105-year-old Lily Morrill. Below left, master of ceremonies George Fasching speaks during Salute to Seniors Day. Below right, Mayor John Wuo presents a plaque to Mary Ball.



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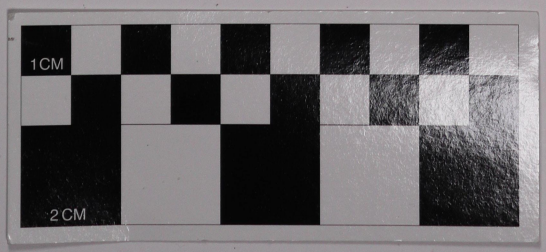


The Beginning of a New Era

Floretta Lauber Installed as Arcadia Women's Club President

Floretta Lauber, newly installed President of the Arcadia Women's Club, seen here receiving a certificate of recognition from Mayor Pro Tem Peter Amundsen. Councilman Amundsen thanked Lauber for her many years of service to the city and community.

-Photo By Terry Miller

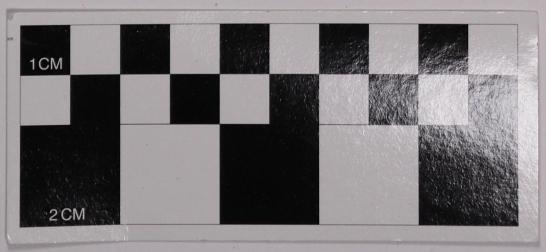
Floretta Lauber, formerly elected the first woman mayor of Arcadia, was formerly installed Wednesday as the newest president of the Arcadia Women's Club, an organization with a 95-year history. Along with the new president, the club installed an entirely new board. Serving as 1st VP will be Carol-Ann Donahey, 2nd VP is now Mary Folley, and the 3rd VP is Mae Craig.

The club's Secretary is now Jeanne Herroz, the Corresponding Secretary will be Sarah Gillian, and Mabel Fenoglio will serve as treasurer. Rounding out the board will be Donna Osgood as 1st Trustee, Millie Balance as 2nd Trustee, Vivian Barthelemy as the Director at Large and Virginia Holzer will serve as the groups Parliamentarian.

In response to her installation, Lauber offered the following remarks to the Arcadia Weekly.

"I dedicate my efforts and action to prevent the demise of this organization. At 95 years, we are going to shift into high gear. There will be no fading into the sunset for us! We open our hearts and arms to those of you who would like to join us in fellowship and Community service. "

Lauber also noted that the group had no less than seven new members join during Wednesday's meeting.



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Arcadia High School students look at their exhibit during opening reception at the Arcadia Historical Museum in Arcadia on June 5. The museum hosts the school's annual Honors History Exhibit, in which students become the historians.

STUDENTS AS CURATORS

Knowing much about history

By Evelyn Barge
Staff Writer

Honors history students in Arcadia became guest curators for a new exhibit at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum.

For the fifth year in a row, nearly 100 Arcadia High School students — led by history teacher Oliver Beckwith — completed historical research on "Arcadia Through the Ages" and used their findings to create displays for a museum exhibition.

The students interviewed local subjects from all walks of life — including a horse-racing jockey, a nurse, restaurant owners, veterans and immigrants — and turned their life stories into colorful poster-board displays.

Beckwith said he asked his students to address a November 2008 issue of BusinessWeek magazine, which named Arcadia as the best California city in which to raise children.

"What is it about Arcadia that's so special?" was the question Beckwith said he posed to his pupils.

"It's better here," was the response given by Patrick La, a local hairdresser who immigrated to the region from Vietnam. "That's why we come here; For better, not for worse."

Students chose their own subjects, which represent a cross-section of life in Arcadia, Beckwith said.

The project was a practical lesson in oral history, he added, as students stepped into the shoes of an interviewer, recording and transcribing history through the eyes of their subjects.

The only hinderance to the process,

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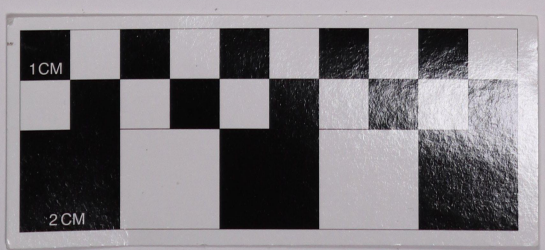

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As a financial planning professional with insurance and security licenses State Law requires Mr. Rick Miller to call this an insurance/retirement sales presentation, even though it is free, nothing other than a no-obligation consultation is offered. Attendees are invited to have an in-office consultation, pro-bono (at no charge) with Rick if they want additional assistance or have questions.

Seating is free, but limited. To reserve a seat, please call (626) 294-9941, 7days/24 hours

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Beckwith joked, was the teens' reluctance to commit a breach of etiquette.

"Talking to ladies of a certain age, they just couldn't bring themselves to ask 'How old are you?'" he said with a laugh.

On Friday, June 5, near a display dedicated to George Varelas, owner of the Jim's Famous Quarterpound Burger chain, walked Varelas himself, who had come out for the opening reception.

From the display, visitors learned that Varelas has lived in Arcadia twice — the first time as a young boy growing up in a town of the same name in Greece. There, he made a living working on the family potato farm.

Now, Varelas makes what some would argue are the tastiest French fries around, Beckwith said.

"You know your potatoes," Beckwith said.

"Yes," affirmed Varelas, smiling.

"It's like 'Night at the Museum' here," Beckwith said, referring to the movies in which exhibits on display at the Museum of Natural History come to life. "Our subjects are coming right out of the posters."

The exhibit runs through August 29. For more information, call (626) 574-5440.

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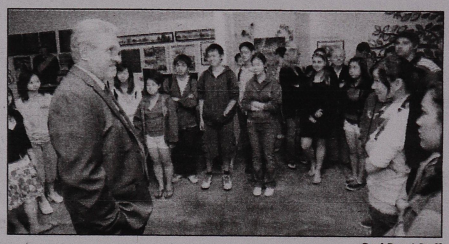

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Teacher Oliver Beckwith speaks to his students.

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to 11 years old. Youth will be accompanied by trained staff and experts in all their adventures.

The program is held at the Granada Park, 2000 West Hellman Ave., Alhambra.

For prices and registration (taken by phone, with a major credit card), call (626) 570-5081. For in-person inquiries, go to the Recreation Services Office at Almansor Park, 800 S. Almansor St.

Concerts in the park

Starting June 24, Concerts in the Park will be held each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in Temple City Park, through Sept. 2.

The concerts are free. Beverages and snacks are available for purchase. Country, classic rock and music from all decades will be presented in a family setting.

Temple City Park is located at the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Golden West Avenue in Temple City.

For information, call (626) 285-2171.

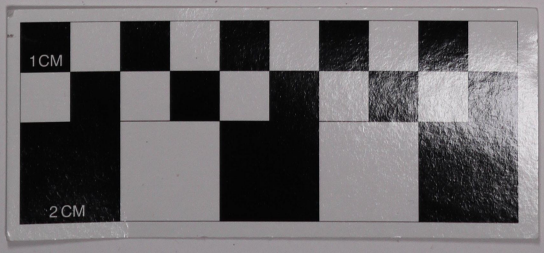
YRewards

Members of the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA can now add discounts with local businesses to the benefits of YMCA membership.

The Santa Anita Family YMCA's newlylaunched YRewards program allows members to enjoy savings at a select group of area businesses just by presenting their YMCA membership card.

Businesses currently enrolled in the YRewards program include: Butterflies and Bees!, creators of custom gardens; Chang Thai Bistro, Monrovia; Countrywide Home Loans, Monrovia; Gentile, McCloskey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Arcadia; Old Town Sign Company, Irwindale; Stubbies Promotions, promotional products, Arcadia; The Skin Care Shop, Monrovia; Ink Tank, silk screening, Duarte; and Ward Service, auto repair, Monrovia.

For more information about YRewards, or becoming a preferred vendor, call the Santa Anita Family YMCA at (626) 359-9244 or visit www.safymca.org.



The Volunteer Appreciation luncheon was held June 13th on the patio at the Ruth & Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to most guests attending. This annual event is always well received. Museum commission members, Friends of the Museum and Historical Society members were in attendance, and the following Junior Volunteers from the high school. Seated (l-r) Jane Liu, Elaine Tsui, Yvonne Hsu, and Abraham Ho. Standing (l-r) Annie Huang, Wendy Huang, Emily Khuu, Johnny Tsao, and Max Ru.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Chamber turns 75

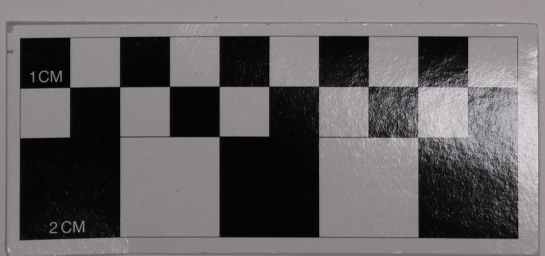
On Thursday, July 16, help the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce celebrate 75 years.

At noon, visit the Arcadia Historical Museum, 380 W. Huntington Drive, for a Brown Bag Lunch series on the history of the chamber.

At 5 p.m., there will be a historical marker presentation by the Historical Society to the chamber, with a social hour and entertainment to follow. The presentation will be held at 388 W. Huntington Drive.

At 6 p.m., enjoy a free barbecue picnic on the chamber patio.

Reservations are appreciated. For information, call (626) 447-2159.



community fireworks events.

ARCADIA June 30

Lunch talk will delve into history of local chamber

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ARCADIA

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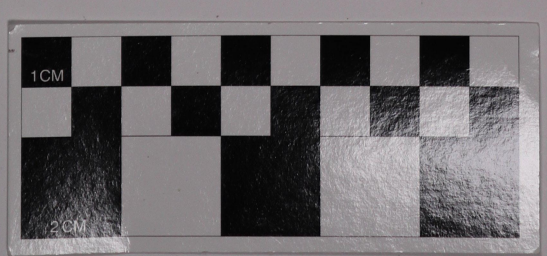
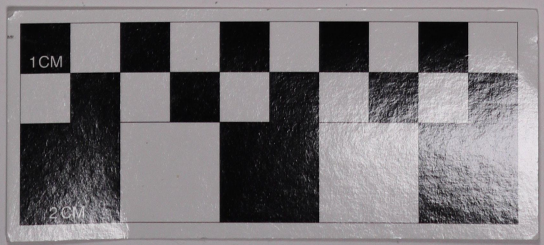
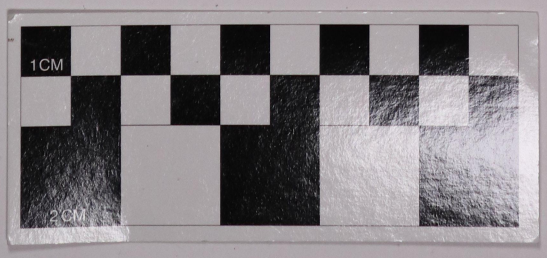


Brown Bag Lunch Talk-May 2009
"Arcadia Life in the 1920s"
by Roberta Ramsell



Brown Bag Lunch Talk-"The Cultural Landscape of Rancho Santa Anita" by Mitchell Bishop
June 2009



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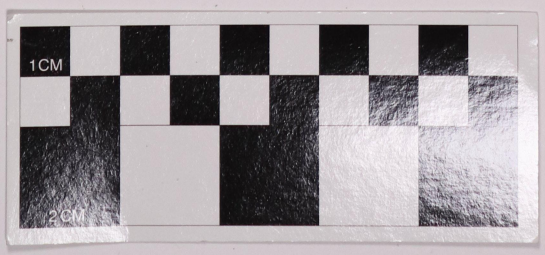

"Arcadia Through The Ages"
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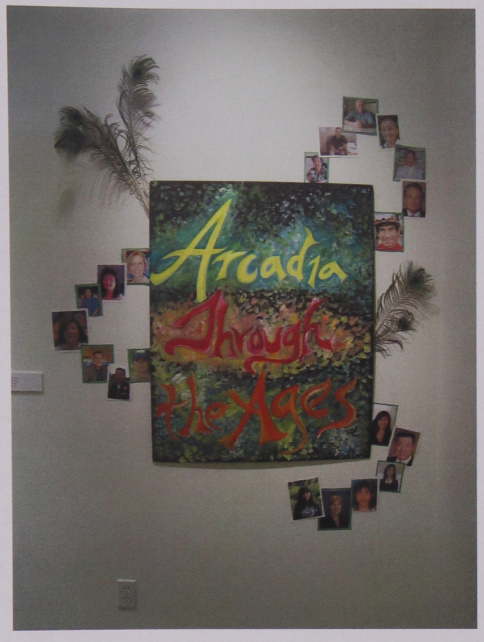

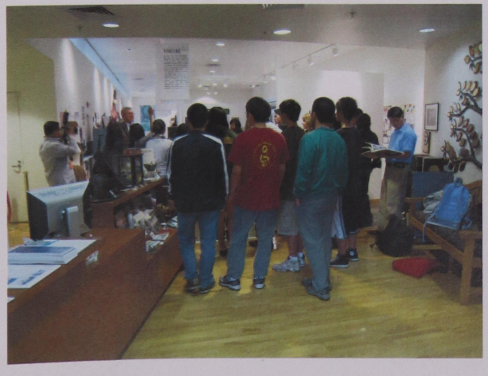

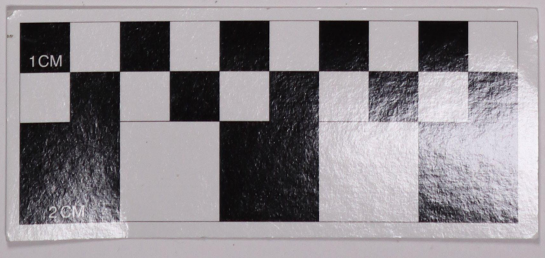

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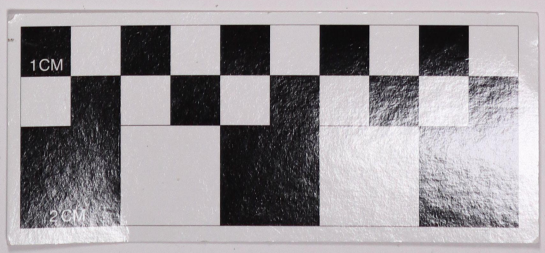

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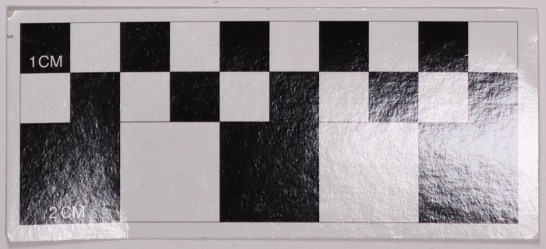


Arcadia Historical Museum presents...

BROWN BAG LUNCH TALKS

Ruth and Charles Gilb
Arcadia Historical Museum

The Museum will continue presenting our popular Brown Bag Lunch Talks which take place the third Thursday of every month at the Museum at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted on calendar below). Come and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events. Bring your own lunch and enjoy different topics from various speakers (**the Museum will no longer be serving pizza or refreshments due to budget constraints).** For information on each talk please call in advance or consult our website.

[Upcoming Talks]

July 16: "Arcadia Chamber of Commerce: 75 Years Shaping and Promoting Arcadia" by current and past Chamber Directors and Presidents

August: SUMMER BREAK, NO BROWN BAG SCHEDULED

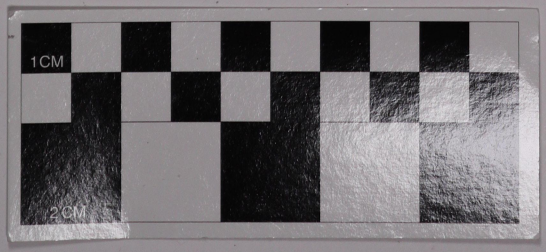
September 17: "A Brief Introduction to Chinese Painting" by Master Ali Tam

October 15: "The Beat Goes On: Arcadia's Backyard Bands of the Sixties" by Gene Glasco

November 19: "Horseshoes and Hand Grenades" by Carolyn Conley (Host of RaceDay America on HRTV)

December: HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO BROWN BAG LUNCH TALK SCHEDULED

Museum Info:
Tuesday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
380 W Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91007
626.574.5440
museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us



Arcadia Historical Museum

Back to School Blast

August 15, 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Did you know that Arcadia's first school was in one of E.J. Baldwin's packing sheds? Come to the Museum and participate in activities that will show you what school life was like for children way back then! One of the activities includes making an apple craft to honor an old tradition of bringing an apple to the teacher.

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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CITY OF ARCADIA CALIFORNIA Incorporated August 5, 1903 Community of Homes

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Saturday
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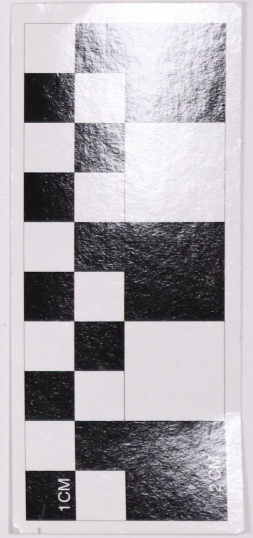

RUTH & CHARLES GILB ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

School Long Ago

Learn about what school was like in the past. Have each circle stamped after completing corresponding activity. Each circle earns you a raffle ticket for drawings throughout the day.

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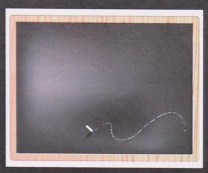


In the early 1800s, schools started using blackboards. They were usually made of slate and had a wood frame. Children had mini slates to practice arithmetic problems and other classroom exercises. In the early 1960s new technology produced steel boards coated with porcelain enamel which were green. During this time the term chalkboards rather than blackboards was used. Today most schools have replaced chalkboards with whiteboards which require the use of dry erase markers rather than chalk.

Make your own chalkboard!

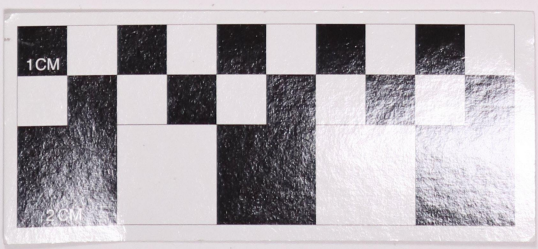
In the 1920s one of the punishments in school was filling up a pail with rocks. Participate in our rock hunt game and earn a reward!

Prior to the early 1900s most students practiced penmanship with quill pens made of feathers from birds such as turkeys and goose.

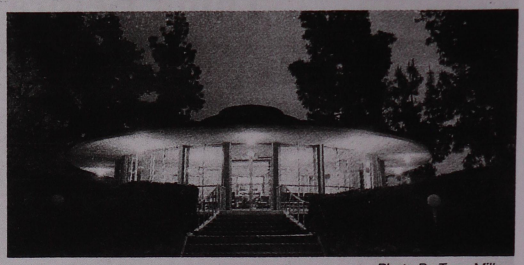
Practice writing with a quill pen by writing a letter to someone you love or to give to your teacher.

Arcadia's first school building was a packing shed donated by Mr. E.J. Baldwin. The school started with one teacher who had to teach over 50 students from different grade levels.

Teachers used to ring bells like the one pictured to signal the beginning of school or end of recess.



Arcadia Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Diamond Anniversary



-Photo By Terry Miller

BY NURIA MATHOG

On July 16, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce will commemorate its 75th anniversary with a "Diamond Jubilee Celebration," a series of events and activities designed to share the Chamber`s rich history with interested guests. Arcadia residents, Chamber officials, and members of local businesses are scheduled to attend the historic occasion.

Since its creation nearly a century ago, the Chamber of Commerce has been deeply rooted in

Chamber on 12

Arcadia from 1

addresses social equity, fair share housing needs." These numbers are assigned by the Southern California Association of Governments and are mandated by the State Housing Law. According to the RHNA mandates Arcadia must build 2,149 additional affordable housing units by the year 2014. City officials have expressed concern over their ability to meet such a goal, arguing that Arcadia is already "built out", and that additional high-density housing would create traffic and environmental problems counteractive to the desires of SB 375. Other surrounding cites have their own RHNA requirements, with Monrovia at 567, Sierra Madre at 139, Pasadena at 2,869 and Temple City at 987.

Chamber from 1

Arcadia`s municipal growth and development. Founded in 1918, the Chamber became an official organization in 1934 in response to Arcadia`s gradual transition from a small agrarian town to a modern residential city. The booming Arcadia economy offered promises of wealth and a growing consumer base, inspiring business entrepreneurs to settle in the area. Arcadia`s local businesses, which included such iconic landmarks as the Santa Anita Racetrack, were heavily promoted by the Chamber of Commerce, encouraging further economic prosperity throughout the 21st century.

In the early 1900s, the Chamber`s responsibilities included oiling Arcadia`s streets and providing the original street lights. In more recent times, the Chamber of Commerce has become more economically oriented, focused on promoting local events such as the Santa Anita Breeder`s Cup, as well as supporting the Westfield-Caruso project. In 1965, the Chamber relocated its office to its current spot on Huntington Drive, the signature circular building at the west end of the Civic Center block.

Today, the Chamber of Commerce continues to serve as the business center of Arcadia.

"We are the business voice of the community," said Beth Costanza, executive director for the Chamber. The Chamber is responsible for the distribution of city maps and business directories, the sponsorship of community events and fundraisers, and the development of programs to promote Arcadia businesses. Approximately 700 local businesspeople claim membership in the organization.

The Celebration Schedule - July 16th

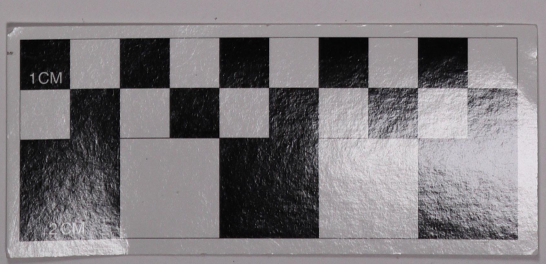
The Chamber plans to commence its celebrations with a "Brown Bag Lunch Talk" from noon to 12:30 p.m at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum. Chamber directors and presidents, both past and incumbent, will provide an overview of the Chamber`s role in Arcadian history.

At 5 p.m. the Chamber will formally dedicate a new Arcadia Historical Marker—a description of the Chamber of Commerce and series of vintage photographs—courtesy of the Arcadia Historical Society. This will be the city`s fifth marker.

At 6 p.m. the Chamber will host an old-fashioned social in its patio area (also known as the Rotary Circle), complete with a barbecue dinner, musical entertainment, and an exhibition of classic automobiles and other historical paraphernalia.

Those interested in attending the event are advised to purchase $10 Diamond Jubilee raffle tickets, which not only cover the cost of the barbecue dinner but will also be entered into a special drawing. The owner of the winning ticket, who will be revealed at 7 p.m., will receive a 1.02 carat diamond worth $10,000.

According to Chamber of Commerce officials, reservations are greatly appreciated.



THE WEEKLY STAR
AUG 1-6, 2009

Honor a soldier

Arcadia's Operation Hometown Heroes honors the brave Arcadians on active duty.

If you know of an Arcadian or Arcadia High School graduate who is currently serving in the armed forces, including active reserve, sign them up.

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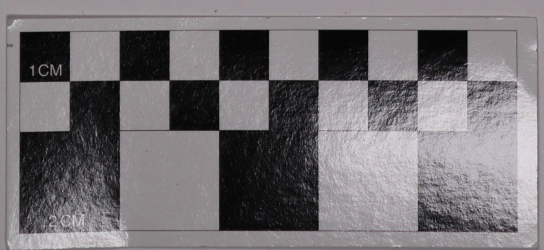

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free movie screening

On Aug. 25, the Arcadia and Santa Anita Park will present a free screening of "Bolt!"

It will be shown at 8 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheater at Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Road.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and dinner.

For more information, call (626) 574-5113.

Community picnic

From 4 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 12, Arcadia will host a "Stars and Stripes" Community Picnic at City Hall, 240 W. Huntington Drive.

The picnic will feature old-fashioned family games, a kids' activity zone, music, a balloon artist/strolling magician, child fingerprinting and the chance to visit with Bernie the "read-aloud dog."

Pink's will be on-site selling their world-famous hot dogs.

The picnic will kick off with a tribute to Arcadians currently on active duty in the military.

A highlight of the afternoon will be the first "Arcadia's Got Talent" competition. To show off your talent for a chance to win $300, view the contest rules and application form at www.ci.arcadia.ca.us.

Talent show applications are due at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

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Concerts in the park

Through Sept. 2, Concerts in the Park will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple City Park.

The concerts are free. Beverages and snacks are available

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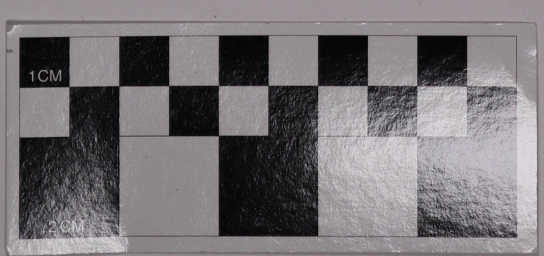

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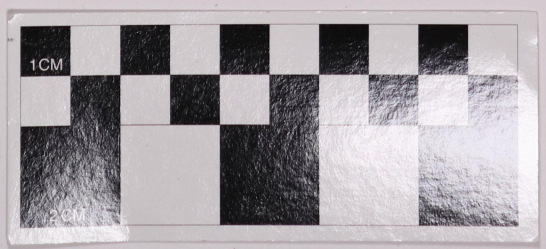

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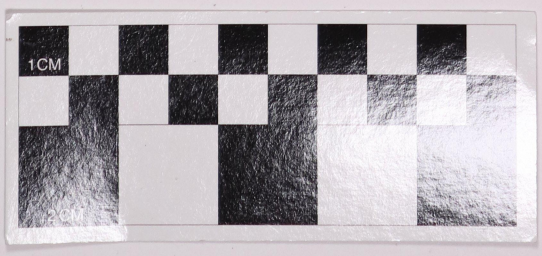

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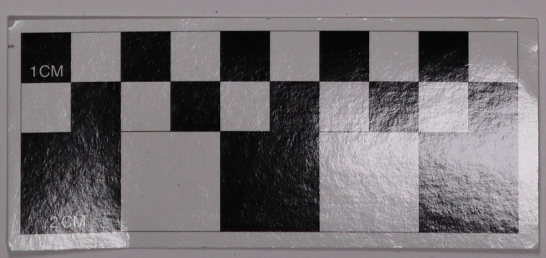


STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
March – April 2010
Prepared by Lindsey Sun, Education Coordinator

- **Visitors**
  Total March 2010: 570
  April 1-17: 180

- **Exhibits**
  Celebrating Divercity in Arcadia: Expressions of Diversity and Exhibition
  This exhibit showcases entries from the Museum's contest about the meaning of diversity in Arcadia. The Museum's very own young adult volunteer Emily Khuu co-curated the exhibit and organized the contest with the help of Arcadia High School history teacher Jeannie Ackerman. The exhibit opened April 27th and runs through May 8, 2010.

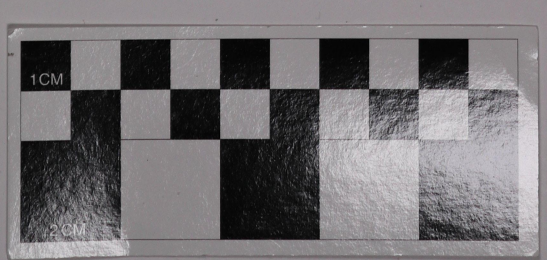
  Hidden Treasure from the Museum's Vault
  "Thirteen Square Miles: Arcadia's Maps Through Time" was postponed and replaced with "Hidden Treasures from the Museum's Vault". This exhibit opened on April 17th. It displays paintings of places important to Arcadia's history. Photographs, etchings, postcards and snippets of interesting facts were interwoven with the paintings to provide an historical collage. The exhibit closes May 22, 2010.

- **Programs**
  Young and old enjoyed the Museum's *Fabulous Franklin and the Moving Press* family program. Registrants were divided into two groups and rotated between two stations. "Ben Franklin" entertained everyone with stories about his inventions on the Museum patio. Families had the opportunity to see and learn about some of his inventions. In the Museum parking lot a trailer with a printing press was used to show everyone how books were made.

- **Collections**
  Excerpts from the Museum's new donations: Photograph: Arcadia baseball team, circa 1940s

- **Volunteer Hours and Activity**
  March 1 through April 17, 2010: 234.75 hours

- **Education**
  In the months of March and April, Education Coordinator Lindsey Sun provided school tours for seven third grade classes from Holly Avenue and Highland Oaks.



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Carolyn Garner-Reagan
Director of Library and Museum Services

Wednesday 4:00
April 14th
3:00
Applause
March 4:00
April -

AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

March 3, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability related special assistance to participate in an Arcadia Historical Museum Commission meeting, please contact the Museum at (626) 574-5468 at least three (3) working days before the meeting or time when special services or auxiliary aids are needed. This notification will help City staff in making reasonable arrangements to provide you with access to and participation in the meeting.

1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**
   Motion to excuse Alice Wang from the January 6, 2010 meeting.

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

4. **Matters from Council Liaison**
   Commissioner's Corner

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

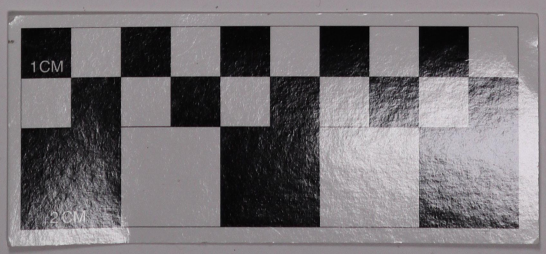
6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2010

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Council action on Museum Education Center
   b. Taste of Arcadia

9. **Adjourn to Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum**

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Historical Museum Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California, during normal business hours.



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Barrows at 5:03 p.m. on March 3, 2010.

Pledge to the Flag: Marsha Burkhalter led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Alice Wang; Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); and Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

It was MSC to excuse Alice Wang from the January 6, 2010 Commission meeting. **M-5-2010**

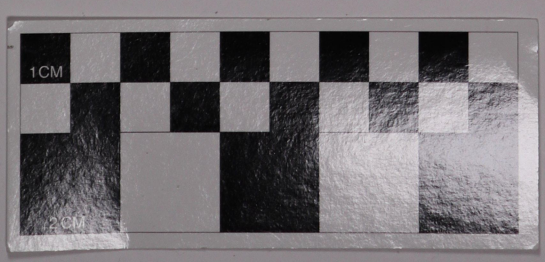
Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: In attendance was Mr. Jason Lee, who made no comments.

Matters from Council Liaison: City Council Liaison Roger Chandler was unable to attend the Historical Museum Commission meeting. A Commissioner's Corner was included in the Agenda packet highlighting City Council matters such as Census 2010, the April 8th Mayor's Community Breakfast, an upcoming review of architectural and design concepts for the Gold Line Bridge over Santa Anita Avenue, and the April 20th Council reorganization.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Floretta Lauber expressed concerns over comments made by some Arcadia Historical Society Board members questioning continuously providing the Museum with quarterly gifts. There was also discussion over removing Historical Society artifacts from the Museum. Suggestions were made by Mrs. Lauber to find out where these feelings of dissatisfaction were coming from and the need to provide newer Board members with a better understanding of the relationship between the Museum and the Historical Society. Mrs. Lauber was glad to hear that Curator Dana Dunn provides monthly reports about the Museum at Historical Society Board meetings. Ruth Gilb added comments about the fragmentation within the Arcadia Historical Society Board.

Mrs. Lauber passed along the wishes of the Arcadia Historical Society Board to have a prominent place designated at the Museum with information about the Historical Society. Director of Library & Museum Services Carolyn Garner-Reagan discussed how the Museum is in the process of engaging an exhibit designer who can offer long-term suggestions about permanent exhibit spaces. Ms. Dunn hopes to weave in more information about the Balloon School, Santa Anita Assembly Center, and Elias Jackson Baldwin while aligning them with school curriculum standards. The possibility of adding information about the Historical Society will be taken into account.

Questions were raised over the designation of the Alice Slater Fund. Mr. Joseph Feghali stated that the Fund was set up to benefit the Museum. Mrs. Lauber did not remember such a stipulation. There was a stipulation requiring that the principal could not be spent, only the interest. Mrs. Garner-Reagan commented about a discussion that took place at a previous Board meeting over continuing to provide quarterly gifts or requiring the Curator to provide a wish list instead. There were no actions taken at the meeting. Ms. Dunn added that the Museum was accumulating money received from the quarterly gifts so that the funds may be used towards larger projects or purchases.



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The special meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission and Arcadia Historical Society Board was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Barrows at 4:02 p.m. on March 31, 2010.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Ruth Dunlop; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Gene Glasco; Scott Hettrick, Floretta Lauber; Gary Kovacic; Carol Libby, Lee Segal, Beverly Street, Don Swenson; Mickey Wagner-Goland, Alice Wang; Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); and Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

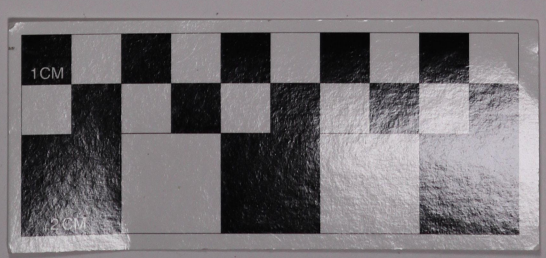
Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: In attendance was Mr. Jim Barrows, who made no comments.

Discussion and direction regarding the relationship between the Historical Museum Commission and the Arcadia Historical Society, including but not limited to, cooperative relationships, financial support of the Historical Museum by the Arcadia Historical Society, quarterly gift, fine arts insurance, Major Gift Committee and future plans: Mrs. Barrows started the meeting off highlighting why the meeting was scheduled. The meeting was a forum to answer questions involving the relationship between the Historical Museum Commission, the status of the Museum Education Center, the Historical Society's Major Gift Committee's role and the Society's quarterly gifts to the Museum.

There was discussion over the Major Gift Committee's origination and purpose. Mrs. Barrows commented that the Major Gift Committee was created as a standing rule in the by-laws of the Historical Society. There were concerns from Historical Society Board members about a provision in the standing rule that City Manager Don Penman had questioned at a previous Board meeting, which allowed the Commission to have authority over how money raised by the Major Gift Committee was spent. This would conflict with the Commission's role as an advisory board under the City Charter rather than a fundraising entity. There was a consensus amongst Board and Commission members that the standing rule should be revised. Gary Kovacic was asked to help with these revisions.

As Chair of the Major Gift Committee, Floretta Lauber described the function of the Committee as a fundraising entity which has been focused on a proposed Museum Education Center. Mrs. Lauber hopes to move forward since issues with payment to Mr. Bob Daggett from the City and Board for renderings have been settled and paid. Major Gift Committee and Historical Society Board member Lee Segal has been reporting to the Board about the Major Gift Committee's fundraising efforts for the Center. However, some Board members, due to absences during regular meetings, and Commission members needed more information about the Committee's progress and the formation of a fundraising cabinet or committee. Mrs. Segal stated that the project and selection of committee members has been placed on hold until after the City Council election in April. Mr. Hettrick suggested streamlining the Major Gift Committee so that other projects like fulfilling the Curator's wish list could be accomplished.

Inquiries were made by Mrs. Gilb about the handling of donations from the fundraising of the Museum building. Mrs. Libby indicated that she was the person responsible for accepting donations and placing them in a Historical Society account until the money was ready to be disbursed. Discussion ensued over the possibilities of having a City account designated for acceptance of Museum Education Center donations. Mrs. Garner-Reagan noted Mr. Penman's



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER…

February 19, 2010

The Mayor's Community Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30am at the FrontRunner Restaurant at Santa Anita Park. Santa Anita is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and the City is pleased to partner with them to recognize this special occasion. Speakers are Carolyn Conley of HorseRacing Television; Hall of Fame Jockey, Mike Smith; and television creator, writer and producer David Milch. Tickets are $15 per person, which includes free entry into Santa Anita, free parking and a full buffet breakfast. Tickets must be purchased in advance. This is always a very enjoyable event and the interesting speakers, unique location and full breakfast should put a little different spin on the festivities this year. More information about the event and speakers is available on the City website. All Commissioners will receive an invitation in the mail.

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Census 2010 is coming up and as you may have read in various City publications, it is very important to the community that an accurate count is obtained for Arcadia. Please join the City in making your family, friends and neighbors aware of the need to be counted. All United States residents must be counted, whether or not the person is a citizen. By law, census information cannot be shared with anyone, including federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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The City Council will soon be discussing architectural features and looking at design concepts for the Gold Line Bridge to be constructed over Santa Anita Avenue. The exact date of the meeting has yet to be determined, but it is expected to be in the not too distant future. Feel free to call the City Clerk's Office at 574-5455 to find out if the matter is on a particular agenda. Things are moving quickly on this project at this point. Arcadia's comments and preferences for the bridge must be submitted to the Gold Line Authority in time for the information to be included in the bid package. City Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

Speaking of the Gold Line, in anticipation of a June 2010 groundbreaking, the Foothill Extension Construction Authority is hosting an open house in Arcadia to update the community on the construction schedule, station plans, art and more. The Open House will offer multiple stations for one-on-one conversations between project representatives and the public. No formal presentation is planned so you can arrive anytime between 5:30 and 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 23 at the Sunset Room at the Santa Anita Golf Course (405 South Santa Anita Avenue).

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The Arcadia Beautiful Award Program is moving to a nomination only process this year. Nominations must be received in the City Manager's Office by May 26, 2010. The Arcadia Beautiful Commission will evaluate properties based on overall appearance, landscaping, general property maintenance, architecture and use of color. Winners are invited to a City Council meeting to receive a sign to display in their yard, a certificate of commendation and a gift. To nominate a property, please call the City Manager's Office at 574-5401.

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Council reorganization takes place on Tuesday, April 20 this year. As has been done in the past the City will host a pre-Council meeting reception in honor of the outgoing and incoming Council Members and their service to the City. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Board and Commission Members will receive an invitation in the mail.

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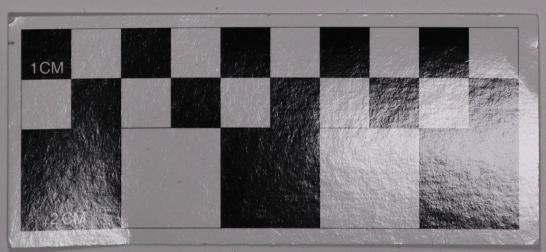
A little transportation trivia……Arcadia Transit transported 10,138 passengers in January of this year, a 6% increase from the same time last year.

cc: City Council, Jim Barrows, Dan Bellling, Mike Casalou, Dana Dunn, Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Jim Kasama, Jason Kruckeberg, Don Penman, Hue Quach, Bob Sanderson, Connie Schacatano, Sara Somogyi, Tom Tait, Tony Trabbie,



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and called to order by Chairperson Margaret Barrows at 5:07 p.m. on January 6, 2010.

Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Joseph Feghali led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); and Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator). Alice Wang was absent.

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: City Council Liaison Roger Chandler was unable to attend the Historical Museum Commission meeting.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Margaret Barrows and Floretta Lauber commended Curator Dana Dunn for the *Only What We Could Carry: The Santa Anita Assembly Center* exhibit. Approximately 181 people attended the opening reception. Marsha Burkhalter asked if the exhibit brought in visitors outside of Arcadia. In answer, Ms. Dunn described how, due to popularity of the exhibit, the Museum received approximately 35 to 40 visitors daily. Visitors came from various cities such as Torrance, Temple City and Huntington Beach. Many of these visitors were high school or college students working on extra credit or homework assignments. There were many visitors who were internees at the Santa Anita Assembly Center during World War II. This exhibit provided a healing process and a better understanding about the internment of Japanese Americans. At the November 4 Commission meeting, Vince Foley asked if security measures were needed during the exhibit opening due to the sensitive topic of the exhibit. Mrs. Burkhalter asked if there were any problems during the opening. Ms. Dunn assured the Commissioners that no disturbances occurred.

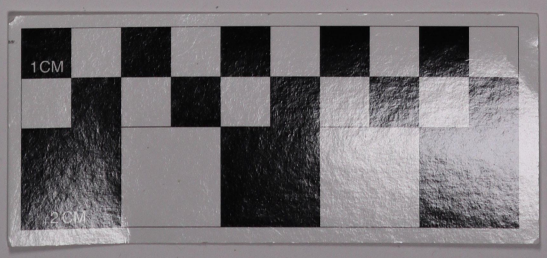
Consent Calendar: It was MSC to approve the corrected September 2, 2009 Minutes. **M-1-2010**

It was MSC to approve the November 4, 2009 Minutes. **M-2-2010**

Reports to be discussed and filed:

Curator's Report: In an effort to bring in traffic from children and their guardians, Ms. Dunn created a child-friendly exhibit; *Myth and Fable: Stories From Our Ancient Pasts.* Story panels were hung at a lower elevation so that they were accessible to children. Cushions and chairs along with books were provided as a way of encouraging adults to read to their children or for children to read to themselves. Supplies were provided so that visitors could take part in the exhibit by leaving their paper-cut handprints along the exhibit walls.

Education Coordinator Lindsey Sun is continuously working on improving family programs at the Museum by making them more educational with an emphasis on history. Ms. Sun changed the name of the Museum's family programs from *Family Fun Days* to *Hands on History for Families*. December's *'Twas the Day of Winter Fun Festival* featured stories told by Santa Claus (Arcadia Historical Society Board member Gene Glasco) and the Bob Baker Marionette Company. Bob Baker was unable to perform due to health problems. However the two puppeteers from his touring company who were sent in his place did an excellent job. This was the first time the Museum required pre-registration for a family



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Carolyn Garner-Reagan
Director of Library and Museum Services

AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

July 1, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

4. **Matters from Council Liaison**

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

6. **Election of Officers and appointment of Liaison**
   a. Chairperson
   b. Chair pro tempore/Member of Deaccession Committee
   c. Liaison to the Arcadia Historical Society

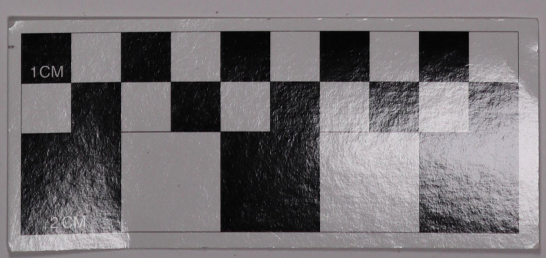
7. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2009

8. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report

9. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Attendance at Commission meetings
   b. Budget update
   c. Fundraising/Planned Giving program

10. **Adjourn to Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 5 p.m. at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum**

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Historical Museum Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California, during normal business hours.



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Joseph Feghali at 5:03 p.m. on July 2, 2008.

Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Margaret Barrows led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Ruth Gilb; William Gleason; Floretta Lauber; Carol Libby; Dana Dunn (Curator); Janet Sporleder (Director of Library and Museum Services); Lindsey Sun (Administrative Intern); Renee Wong (Getty Intern)

It was MSC to excuse Mr. Peter Amundson (City Council Liaison) from the meeting.
M-07-2008

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

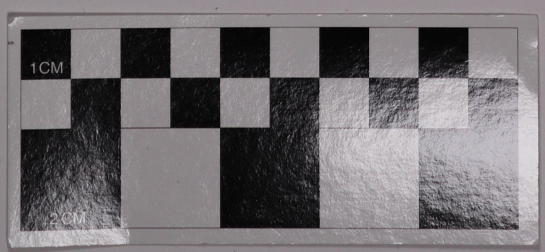
Introduction of new Museum Commissioners: Commission members welcomed Ms. Burkhalter and Ms. Gilb. Introductions from the Commission were made to the two new Commissioners.

Matters from Council Liaison: Due to Mr. Amundson's absence, Ms. Sporleder updated the Commission about the City Council meeting, which took place on July 1, 2008. Ms. Sporleder indicated the City Council adopted a balanced budget after making adjustments that included budget cuts and revenue enhancements. City Council did trim the Museum's supply budget.

The City Council discussed reducing the number of Commissioners on the Historical Museum Commission to five but it was decided to continue with seven members. The Historical Society will recommend two new members to the Council.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Ms. Libby commended the Museum for its improvements in exhibitions and events. Ms. Libby suggested more attendance and involvement in Museum programs and events from the Commissioners.

Ms. Lauber raised a question in regard to the collections section on page three of the staff report about the Museum's book collection. Ms. Dunn described the Museum's collaboration with the Library to process and catalog the Museum's book collection. The books are accessioned into the Museum's PastPerfect software. The books are then processed at the Library and added to the Library's online catalog, so that people using the Library catalog will learn of the books which are housed at the Museum.



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
January – February 2010
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

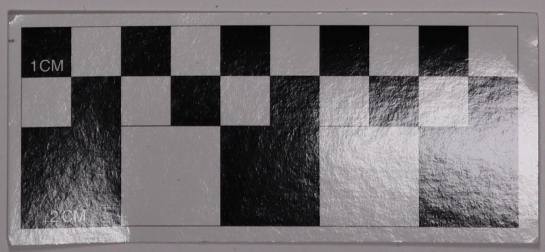
Total January 2010:	**729**
February 1 - 18:	**243**

- **Exhibits**

Only What We Could Carry: The Santa Anita Assembly Center
This exhibit opened on November 7. The opening reception welcomed 181 people. Talks were given by PhD Candidate Akiko Nomura and Japanese American internees Dr. Myamoto and Mr. Sakatani. The audience consisted of visitors and also of Santa Anita Assembly Center internees. This exhibit was highly publicized and is a priority topic for Arcadia residents. The Museum enjoyed an elevated attendance, averaging 35 to 40 visitors per day. The last two Saturdays this exhibit was open, the Museum enjoyed 111 and 127 visitors, respectively.

Myth and Fable: Stories From Our Ancient Pasts
This exhibit was intended for children and their guardians. Cushions and chairs were set out for adults to read to children and for children to read the stories themselves. In addition to the colorful story panels, included were two fables recorded onto CD for the children to play and listen. There was also a DVD telling two Chinese stories. Myths and fables were chosen from around the world to expose the public to other cultures and to create cultural understanding, as well as teach the children about heroic life. Children participated in the exhibit by adding a paper cut-out of their own handprint onto the walls of the exhibit space. This exhibit opened on December 19 and runs through March 6, 2010.

En Plein Air: Vues et Vistas d'Arcadie
Art exhibits at the Museum are always a welcome sight. The Museum seeks to establish a relationship with community artists and give them the honor of hanging their artwork in a lovely museum gallery setting. This exhibit features open air paintings of Arcadia's vistas and structures. Many of these pieces of art were painted especially for this exhibit, thereby adding to the canon of Arcadia artwork as a subject of study. These artists are part of the Thursday morning art group from the Mid-Valley Arts League. This group of Plein Air painters is headed up by Walter McNall, an artist who was featured in an exhibit at the Museum in 2009. Mr. McNall and his wife, Martha, organized and collaborated on this exhibit with Curator Dana Dunn to bring these colorful art pieces to Arcadia's public.



Approved effective 14 January To 16th

ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Barrows at 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2009.

Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Floretta Lauber led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Alice Wang; Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); and Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

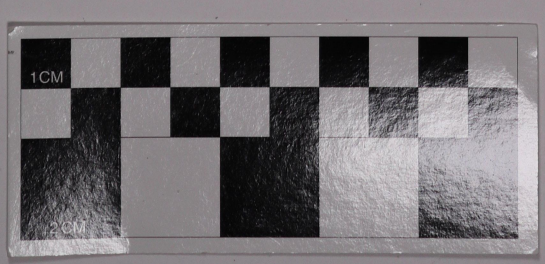
Matters from Council Liaison: City Council Liaison Roger Chandler was unable to attend the Historical Museum Commission meeting. Mrs. Barrows updated the Commission about City matters in his place. The main concern was providing fire updates. The Arcadia Fire Department and City Officials were closely monitoring the Station Fire and did not consider it a threat to Arcadia. Director of Library & Museum Services Carolyn Garner-Reagan circulated an informational bulletin which was posted on the City's website. It outlined a contingency plan where bulldozers and hand crews from the U.S. Forest Service and Los Angeles County would cut a fire break west of Sierra Madre and to the east. Mrs. Lauber added information about an email she received in regards to the City of Azusa holding a community meeting.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Mrs. Wang provided flyers to the Commissioners about the Arcadia Chinese Association's Moon Festival Fundraising Gala on October 3 and offered to distribute informational flyers to publicize Museum events and programs.

Mr. Foley commended Museum staff for accommodating his granddaughters with a behind the scenes tour of the Museum. Education Coordinator Lindsey Sun engaged his granddaughters with hands-on objects from the Museum's educational cart. Mr. Foley believes that their eagerness to return is a "great testimony" of the Museum's success as an educational resource. In addition to information about his visit, Mr. Foley discussed the possibilities of fundraising for a vintage police motorcycle currently on loan and being displayed at the Police Department. The owner of the motorcycle is hoping to sell it for approximately $25,000 to $40,000. Many of the Commission members expressed their doubts in raising the money due to the economic conditions.

The City will be hosting a Stars & Stripes Community Picnic on September 12. Mrs. Barrows informed Commission members of a request from the City for the Arcadia Historical Society Board to set up a table to sell refreshments or desserts. The Museum would also be participating along with the Library in the event. Curator Dana Dunn plans on displaying World War I helmets and the Museum's Veteran's Registry.

Consent Calendar: It was MSC to approve the Minutes of July 1, 2009. **M-11-2009**



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

DATE: September 15, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Library and Museum Services Director CGR

SUBJECT: **Accept the Historical Commission's recommendation to authorize the City Manager to use $2,800 from the Historical Museum's Gilb Memorial Fund for the payment of one-half of the architectural fees for the proposed Museum Education Center.**
Recommendation: Approve.

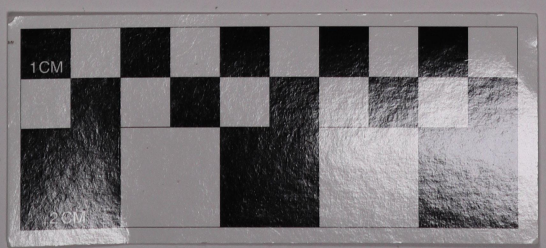
SUMMARY

In order for the Arcadia Historical Society's Major Gift Committee to launch a fundraising campaign for the proposed Museum Education Center, it was necessary to engage an architect and related professionals for preliminary site plan, floor plan, and elevations. To date, the Arcadia Historical Society has paid for these architectural fees using proceeds from the Museum's Fifth Anniversary dinner. A final payment of $5,600 is due and the Historical Museum Commission voted at its September 2, 2009 meeting to recommend to the City Council that this payment be split, with half of the payment coming from the Arcadia Historical Society and half coming from the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum's Gilb Memorial Fund, which is in a City trust fund.

DISCUSSION

Architect Robert Daggett has worked with the Major Gift Committee of the Arcadia Historical Society to develop preliminary site plans and elevations for the proposed Museum Education Center. These conceptual plans, which the Council approved and supported at its August 18, 2009 Study Session, were used to establish a fundraising goal of $500,000. In addition, an elevation is being prepared which will be used for brochures and other fundraising materials.

At the September 2, 2009 Historical Museum Commission meeting, the Commission voted to make the recommendation to the City Council that half of these final architectural planning costs be split evenly between the Arcadia Historical Society and the City, using funds that the Museum received in memory of Charles Gilb. This fund currently has a balance in it of $23,345.27. This cost sharing was suggested by City



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Carolyn Garner-Reagan
Director of Library and Museum Services

AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

November 4, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

5. **Matters from Council Liaison**

6. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

7. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2009

8. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report to City Council
      - Recommendation to authorize payment of half of the architectural fees from the Museum's Gilb Memorial Fund
   b. Curator's Report
   c. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   d. Major Gift Committee Report

9. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Annual Report
   b. Updated Museum accounts diagram
   c. Decision on Community Center Senior lunches for Brown Bag Lunch Talk
   d. Update on patio exit

9. **Adjourn to Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum**

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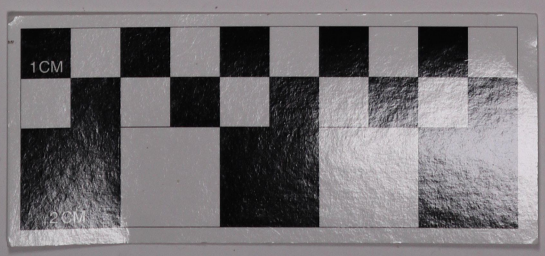


STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
September - October 2009
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

  Total September 2009: 456
  October 1 – 17: 279

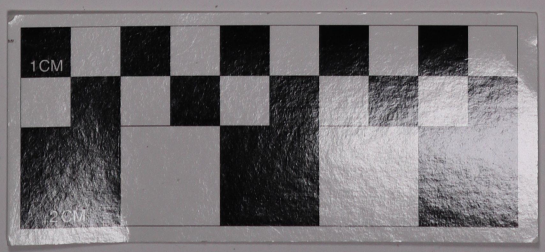
  The summer months have ended and Museum visitors are back to school and home from vacation. This time of year is one of our busiest times of the year. Museum staff has been starting up our Young Adult Volunteer program again and arranging for school tours and scout programs. We are ready for a year full of sharing Arcadia's history, art and culture through our educational programming and exhibits.

- **Exhibits**

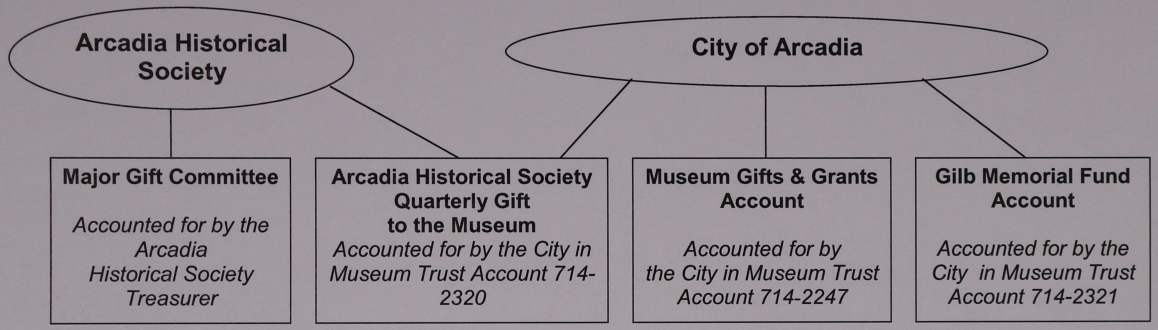
  The Brush Painting and Calligraphy of Master Tam
  Back again this year for his second showing of artwork, Master Tam has added his talents in calligraphy to this years' exhibit, in addition to his exhibition of brush painting. The pieces included were exclusively created by Master Tam for this special exhibit. The labels were presented in bilingual format; Chinese and English. This exhibit ran through October 24th.

  "Roll 'em": Motion Pictures Filmed in Arcadia and Surrounding Communities
  This exhibit is about motion pictures that were filmed in and around Arcadia. The exhibit begins with the silent films of D.W. Griffith at the turn of the twentieth century and ends with films from 2009. Two films were shown inside the exhibit itself and featured movie posters with information on each film. This exhibit will close on December 5th.

  Police Station Display
  Ms. Dunn completed the refurbishing of the photograph exhibit for the Arcadia Police Station. She not only placed new photograph panels, but also enlarged some of them and added a title panel. The exhibit is called "Then and Now: Making a Difference." It compares photographs from the past to current photographs. An example would be; a black and white photo of the Information-Records Department with the old switchboard is next to a photograph of the same department today with computers.



Ruth & Charles Gilb
Arcadia Historical Museum
Chart of Special Funds


Arcadia Historical Society
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Major Gift Committee
Accounted for by the Arcadia Historical Society Treasurer
Arcadia Historical Society Quarterly Gift to the Museum
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Museum Gifts & Grants Account
Accounted for by the City in Museum Trust Account 714-2247
Gilb Memorial Fund Account
Accounted for by the City in Museum Trust Account 714-2321

September 2009

STATION FIRE UPDATE Last updated 3:02pm on September 2, 2009

The Station Fire, which started above La Canada Flintridge on August 26, continues to burn in both a northwest and northeast direction. The Fire has now consumed over 141,000 acres and is approximately 22% contained.

Fire conditions are changing constantly and this message contains the most current information the City of Arcadia has at this time. We ask that you refrain from calling the police and fire departments for information and instead that you check back here for updates or call (626) 574-3880.

Senior Commision Meeting
9/3/2009

Modification Committee Meeting
9/8/2009

Planning Commission Meeting
9/8/2009

Recreation Commision Meeting
9/9/2009

Foreign Film Evenings
9/9/2009

The fire is not currently a threat to Arcadia and there are no evacuations planned for Arcadia at this time. However, as a contingency plan, bulldozers from the United States Forest Service are cutting a fire break from Arcadia to the east and hand crews, already working in the hills of Sierra Madre, are expected to move into Arcadia in the near future. As such, you may hear or see several pieces of heavy equipment, bright lights and other things of this nature in the next several days.

For specific information about the Station Fire, please visit the United States Forest Service Incident Command website for details about the fire and the progress that is being made to bring it under control.

Because of the high danger of fire, Arcadia Wilderness Park and Chantry Road are closed and will remain closed until further notice.

The Arcadia Fire Department is monitoring the fire closely and patrolling the foothills. All other City departments are on alert and have plans in place to deal with any future action that may be necessary. We will advise you if the situation changes or new information is available.

Weather Reports

Arcadia Newsletter
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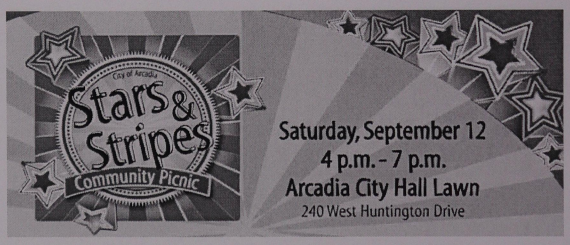
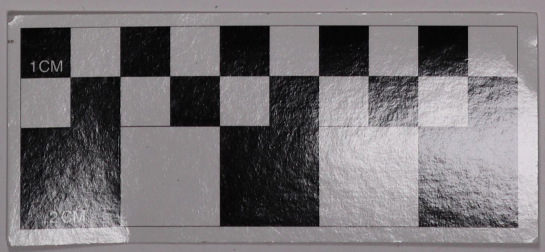
Schedule for this month

Dining in Arcadia



PINK'S HOT DOGS IS COMING TO ARCADIA FOR THE STARS & STRIPES COMMUNITY PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 12

The famous Pink's Hot Dogs is coming to Arcadia.....for a day. Join us at the Stars & Stripes Community Picnic on Saturday, September 12 from 4:00 to 7:00pm at City Hall (240 West Huntington Drive) where guests can purchase a



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Carolyn Garner-Reagan
Director of Library and Museum Services

AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

September 2, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

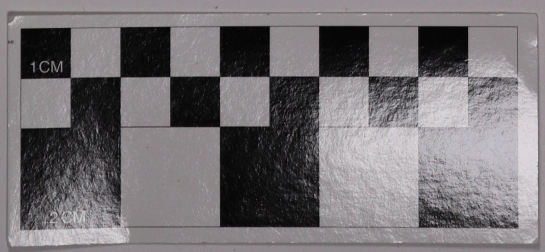
4. **Matters from Council Liaison**
   Announcements/Statements

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**
   Announcements/Statements/Future Agenda Items

6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2009

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Curator's Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report
   d. Staff Reports to City Council
      i. Proposed Museum Education Center
      ii. Request from the Arcadia Historical Society Major Gift Committee to solicit monetary contributions through the City's water bills

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Historical Museum Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California, during normal business hours.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER...

July 15, 2009

The Summer Concert Series is off to a great start with more than 600 people attending the first concert on July 9. These free concerts are held on the City Hall lawn Thursday evenings through August 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Each concert features a lively band and a Kids Fun Zone. The August 6 event is going to be extra-special as it will include a celebration of the City's birthday and National Night Out. Please visit www.ci.arcadia.ca.us for a concert schedule.

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There is a new event on the City Calendar this year – the *Stars and Stripes Community Picnic* on Saturday, September 12 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. The highlight of the festivities that day will be the first Arcadia's Got Talent Contest. Watch the City website for details or call 574-5403 in the coming weeks to request a flyer about the event.

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On Saturday, July 25 the newly renovated Arcadia Par-3 Golf Course will hold a Grand Re-Opening from 10:00am to 3:00pm featuring demonstrations, a barbecue lunch (for a nominal fee), putting contest, closest to the pin contest, a 9-hole tournament and Kids Craft Area. Please call 443-9367 for more information. The Par-3 Golf Course is located at 620 East Live Oak Avenue and it looks great!

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A free Household Hazardous and E-Waste Round-Up will take place on Saturday, August 15 at Santa Anita Park. This is your opportunity to safely dispose of common household waste and electronic waste such as paint, turpentine, household and car batteries, pesticides, acid or lye-based cleaners, old fax machines, copiers, computer keyboards and cell phones. The Round-Up is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Enter Santa Anita at Gate 6 on Colorado Place. For more information about this event please see the most recent edition of the City Newsletter mailed to you last month (also available on the City website). If you have questions about what can and cannot be taken to the Round-Up, please call 800-CLEAN LA or 800-238-0172.

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The Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships are back in Arcadia on November 6 and 7 of this year and volunteers are still needed. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of the action at this prestigious national event and you want to help welcome visitors from all over the world to Arcadia, please contact either Connie Russell at (562) 699-7737 or Pete Siberell at (626) 574-6373.

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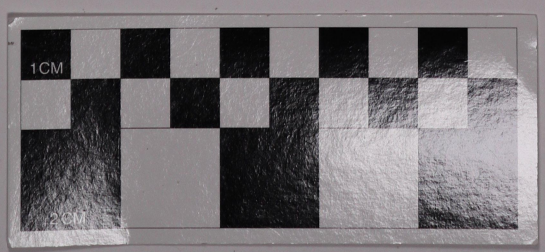
From time to time the City receives calls about abandoned shopping carts. The City works with local businesses to keep the number of carts taken off of store premises to a minimum; however, carts are still taken occasionally and then left on the street when no longer needed. If you notice abandoned carts please report them to the Shopping Cart Hotline at 800-252-4613 so that they can be picked up in a timely fashion. Thanks!

cc: City Council, Jim Barrows, Dan Bellling, Mike Casalou, Dana Dunn, Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Jim Kasama, Jason Kruckeberg, Pat Malloy, Don Penman, Hue Quach, Bob Sanderson, Connie Schacatano, Sara Somogyi, Tony Trabbie,



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Mrs. Floretta Lauber at 5:03 p.m. on July 1, 2009.

Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Ruth Gilb led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Alice Wang; Roger Chandler (City Council Liaison); Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); and Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: City Council Liaison Roger Chandler provided updates about the City Budget to Commission members. The City was able to balance the 2009-10 fiscal year budget utilizing City reserves and concessions made by City employees in postponing raises in medical benefits as well as salary increases. Assurances were made about the safety of Arcadia residents in maintaining enough positions at the Fire and Police Department to fulfill safety standards. Mr. Chandler commended City Manager Don Penman for his successful negotiations with City employees. Bed and sales tax revenues from the opening of Westfield's Promenade, Breeder's Cup and the U2 concert at the Rose Bowl are projected to provide assistance towards City funds.

Mrs. Burkhalter inquired about the status of Santa Anita Racetrack's bankruptcy issues. The City has a positive outlook based on interest from different organizations around the world. Mr. Chandler noted that zoning requirements restrict use of the property to horse racing. Some possible remedies to declining attendance would be adding slot machines with State approval or passage of the Caruso Project.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Updates on contact information from Mrs. Barrows were provided to Commissioners.

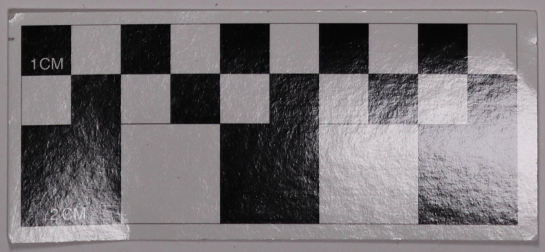
Election of Officers and appointment of Liaison:

Chairperson: It was MSC to elect Mrs. Barrows as Chairperson. **M-7-2009**

Chair pro tempore/Member of the Deaccession Committee: It was MSC to elect Mrs. Gilb as Chair pro tempore and Member of the Deaccession Committee. **M-8-2009**

Liaison to Arcadia Historical Society: It was MSC to elect Mrs. Burkhalter as Liaison to Arcadia Historical Society. **M-9-2009**

Consent Calendar: It was MSC to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2009. **M-10-2009**



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
July - August 2009
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

  Total July 2009: 337
  August 1 – 19: 231

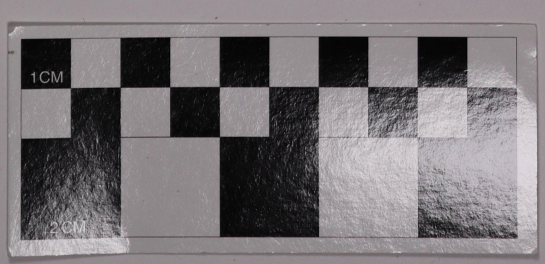
  Over the last two months the Museum has been in a summer vacation mode. Our Young Adult Volunteers have been excused for the summer and will return in September, when school begins. Our visitors, also, slow down during the summertime. This allows the Museum's two staff members to attend to other dimensions of their work. Curator Dana Dunn, has been working on organizing the collections area and has been cleaning up the PastPerfect collections database so that we can now build and add to the artifact accessioning process. Education Coordinator Lindsey Sun, has been working on setting up children's and adult programming through the rest of the fiscal year and has been perfecting her Scout and school tour programs.

- **Exhibits**

  Arcadia Juried Photography Contest and Exhibit
  The first annual Juried Photography Contest and Exhibit ran from May 30 through August 15, 2009. Twenty-one entries were received and exhibited, which were submitted by residents of Arcadia. This exhibit project was co-curated by Ms. Dunn, and Arcadia High School senior Ms. Iris Chen. We had many visitors to this exhibit who missed this year's deadline for submissions and expressed interest in submitting their photographs in next year's contest.

  Faces of Arcadia: Annual Arcadia High School Honors History Student Exhibition
  Teacher at Arcadia High School, Oliver Beckwith, created and organized this exhibit along with his students. This exhibit has become an annual affair in which students conduct oral histories and display their findings. This year the students interviewed a variety of people from Arcadia. These interviews were conducted with people of all ages, cultures and walks of life to show a representation of Arcadia today. This exhibit ran from June 5 through August 29.

  The Brush Painting and Calligraphy of Master Tam
  Back again this year for his second showing of artwork, Master Tam has added his talents in calligraphy to this year's exhibit, in addition to his exhibition of brush painting. The pieces included were exclusively created by Master Tam for this special exhibit. The labels were presented in bilingual format; Chinese and English. In conjunction with this display, Master Tam will also be a speaker for the Museum's Brown Bag Lunch Talk during the month of September. This exhibit will run through October 24.



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

August 18, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Director of Library and Museum Services CGR

SUBJECT: **Proposed Museum Education Center**
Recommendation: Provide direction

SUMMARY

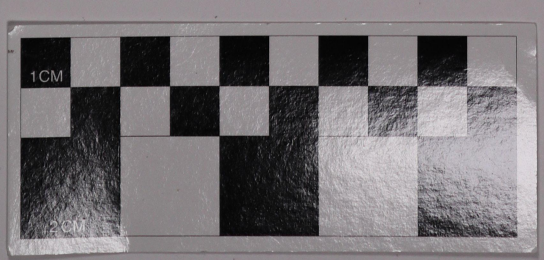
The Major Gift Committee of the Arcadia Historical Society is proposing to raise funds for a Museum Education Center which is to be built on the existing shuffleboard courts between the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and the Community Center. At a January 20, 2009 study session, City Council approved the concept of a Museum Education Center but did not commit any City funds at that time due to budget constraints. The Major Gift Committee is now well into the design process and the City Council needs to approve this concept for the project to proceed.

DISCUSSION

The Major Gift Committee of the Arcadia Historical Society is proposing to raise funds for a Museum Education Center to be built on the existing shuffleboards courts between the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and the Community Center. The committee is chaired by Floretta Lauber and the members of the committee are: William Gleason, David Lee, Lee Segal, and Sho Tay. Museum Curator Dana Dunn is an ex officio member.

The Historical Museum Commission considered this project at their January 7, 2009 meeting and while they did not formally take action to approve it, they support the concept. At a January 20, 2009 study session, City Council approved the concept of a Museum Education Center but did not commit any City funds at that time due to budget constraints. Since January, the Major Gift Committee has been working with architect Robert Daggett on plans and his fees have been paid for by the Arcadia Historical Society, using funds which were raised at the Museum's fifth anniversary celebration.

As now conceived, the total structure would be about 2,200 feet, with a covered "hospitality terrace" designed to be a continuation of the existing covered patio at the back of the Community Center. The interior space would be a large room of 1200 square feet, which could be divided as needed into three rooms of 400 square feet each. The building also



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

August 18, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Director of Library and Museum Services CGR

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FROM THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAJOR GIFT COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE CITY'S WATER BILLS**
Recommendation: Approve

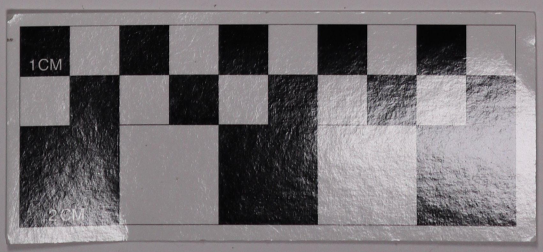
SUMMARY:

The Arcadia Historical Society's Major Gift Committee is requesting the City Council's approval to use the City's water bills as a means to solicit monetary contributions and is asking that the open line on the water bills be reserved for their future use to raise funds for the proposed Arcadia Historical Museum Education Center. This classroom building, designed to be used by both the Museum and the Recreation and Community Services Department, is proposed to be built on the existing shuffleboards courts between the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and the Community Center. Previously, the Council approved the use of water bills by the Arcadia Public Library Foundation three times. Staff is recommending approval of the request by the Arcadia Historical Society's Major Gift Committee.

DISCUSSION

On November 4, 1997, at the request of the Arcadia Public Library Foundation, the City Council authorized the use of City water bills as a means to solicit monetary contributions for City programs and operations. At this same meeting, the Council stated that future requests of a similar nature must be brought to their attention for approval and adopted the following policy:

The Arcadia City Council is appreciative of all responsible efforts undertaken by community organizations for the purpose of benefiting City program or operations. To that end, the City Council will consider the use of water bills as a vehicle by which to solicit funds that will be used directly for a "City program or operation." All requests must be approved by the City Council.



Ruth & Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
January-June 2010 Brown Bag Speakers

January 21
Carol Libby
"Past Business Ventures in Arcadia"

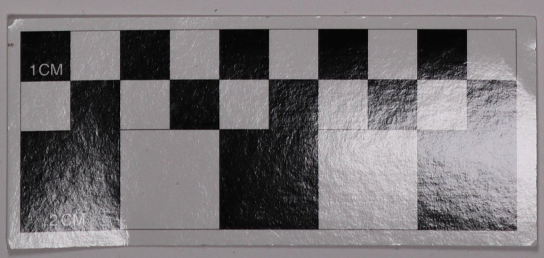
February 18
Robert Harbicht
"A Quarter Century on the Arcadia City Council"

March 18
Arcadia Fire Chief, Tony Trabbie and Battalion Chief, Kurt Norwood
"A History of the Arcadia Fire Department"

April 15
Arcadia Chief of Police, Robert Sanderson
Title: TBD
Topic: History of the Arcadia Police Department

May 20
Gene Glasco
"The Beat Goes on: Arcadia's Backyard Bands of the Sixties, Part Two"

June 17
Liz Thompson, Member of Huntington Library's Speakers Bureau
Title: TBD
Topic: The Huntingtons



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AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

May 6, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

4. **Matters from Council Liaison**

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2009

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Oversize printer/plotter equipment
   b. Getty Grant
   c. Budget Update
   d. Donations for the construction of the Museum Education Building through the City's water bill

9. **Adjourn to Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 5 p.m. at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum**

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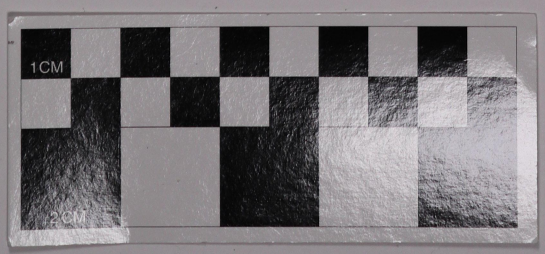


ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Floretta Lauber at 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2009.

Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Joseph Feghali led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

Not in attendance was City Council Liaison, Mr. Roger Chandler and Ms. Alice Wang. Ms. Wang's absence was noted and further discussion about it will be placed on the agenda for the July 1, 2009 meeting.

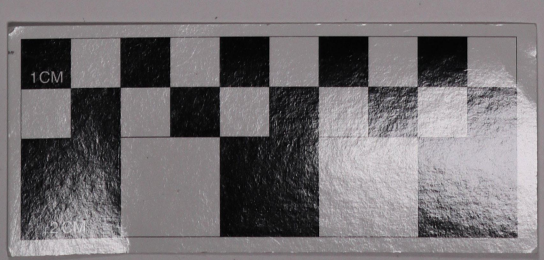
Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: Due to Mr. Chandler's absence a report on City matters was unavailable. Ms. Carolyn Garner-Reagan expressed gratitude from outgoing City Council Liaison, Peter Amundson towards Commission members for all their support.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: Ms. Garner-Reagan's attendance and support of Museum and Historical Society events around the City was commended and appreciated by Ms. Floretta Lauber. Ms. Lauber asked when the Anoakia room would be completed and suggested scheduling fewer temporary exhibits for 2010 so that Curator Dana Dunn could focus on completing this permanent exhibit. Ms. Garner-Reagan discussed how permanent exhibits take a lot of planning and generally take anywhere from two to three years due to conservation work and exhibit design. Ms. Lauber believed there was no need to have outside consultants. Suggestions made by Ms. Lauber will be presented to Ms. Dunn and discussed at a future date. Ms. Ruth Gilb noted the benefits of having numerous exhibits as a way of attracting more traffic to the Museum.

Commission members asked about fundraising opportunities to provide the Museum with funds for special projects or supplies. Ms. Lauber encouraged Ms. Dunn to make a wish list for fundraising purposes. Ms. Gilb asked about the role of the Friends of the Museum and the possibilities of recruiting members from Arcadia rather than members from other cities to provide more community support. Ms. Margaret Barrows described the duties of the Friends of the Museum as an auxiliary of the Historical Society to provide support and outreach for Museum and Society events. Members from other cities were usually recruited because they had friends involved with the Friends of the Museum.

Mr. Joseph Feghali questioned where $9,000 from a Historical Society fundraiser was being used and also why funds from the Alice Slater account were not being used for the Museum. Ms. Garner-Reagan explained that the $9,000 was in a Historical Society account and a portion of it is being used to pay Mr. Bob Daggett for making architectural plans for the Museum Education Building. Ms. Barrows added that the Alice Slater account was an interest bearing account and due to market issues could not be used. There were questions on alternative ways of soliciting funds other than through the Society from Ms. Gilb and Ms. Marsha Burkhalter. Ms. Garner-Reagan noted how solicitation of funds needs to be made on an individual basis or



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
May - June 2009
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

Total May 2009:	**568**
June 1 – 17:	**303**

The Museum has continued to involve the community of Arcadia in its exhibits, programs and educational events. Many visitors also come on a daily basis to view the Museum and its permanent exhibit of Arcadia's history. The Arcadia Veteran's Local History Room is a high point for many. Pages are continually added to the Veteran's registers by visitors who are residents of Arcadia and are Veterans, both of the past and present.

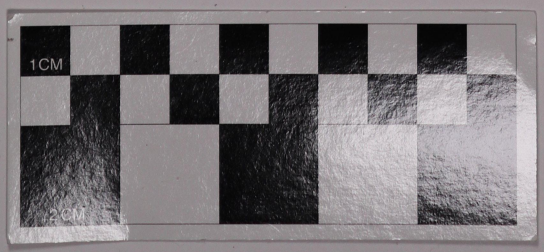
Museum staff continues to update the Museum's website with current information. Many of the website's pages were dated and obsolete. Staff is re-writing the pages and putting up more current images. This will be an ongoing process over the next few months.

- **Exhibits**

History Lives Here Exhibit
This exhibit featured artwork and writing samples from 24 Arcadia school children. The exhibit was produced in conjunction with a contest put on by the Arcadia Historical Society of local Arcadia school children's artwork, photography and writing skills. This exhibit ran through May 9, 2009.

Honorable Mention: Mayors of Arcadia
"Mayors of Arcadia" was an historical exhibit, which looked at Arcadia's Mayors from 1903 through 2009. This exhibit required extensive research in archives and utilized the Museum's collection of photographs. Also featured was first woman Mayor, Mrs. Floretta Lauber. Mrs. Lauber graciously, temporarily, donated her artifacts, which were placed on display. This exhibit began on April 11 and ran through May 30, 2009.

Arcadia Juried Photography Contest and Exhibit
The Museum took in entries for the Juried Photography Contest and Exhibit, which runs from May 30 through August 15, 2009. Twenty-one entries were received. On April 7, three judges came to the Museum and decided which entries would win the place categories of Student 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, Adult 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and Judge's Favorite. The judges were Rachel Fermi, photography instructor from Pasadena City College; Lloyd Fujiwara, photography instructor from Arcadia High School; and John Fang, professional photographer from Fang Photography. This exhibit project was co-curated by Curator, Ms. Dana Dunn, and Arcadia High School senior Ms. Iris Chen. The opening reception took place on May 30, when the winners were announced.



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Carolyn Garner-Reagan
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AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

March 4, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

4. **Matters from Council Liaison**

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2009

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Update on City Council actions on Museum Education Center and Alcoholic Beverage Policy
   b. Revised Patio Policy
   c. Update on second patio exit
   d. Budget update
   e. Chart of Special Funds
   f. Agenda report on gifts in memory of Charles Gilb

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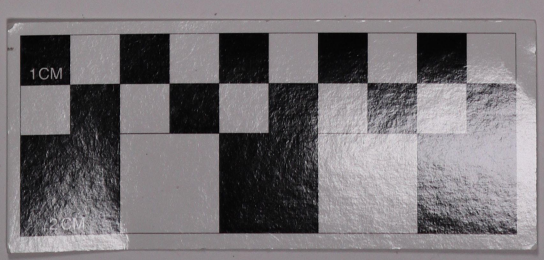


ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Floretta Lauber at 5:03 p.m. on January 7, 2009.

Pledge to the Flag: Ms. Alice Wang led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Joseph Feghali; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Alice Wang; Peter Amundson (City Council Liaison); Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: Mr. Peter Amundson reminded Commission members about the Commissioner's Dinner on January 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the Dinner, Mr. Amundson provided information about the Los Angeles Conservancy's low rating for historic preservation by the City of Arcadia. A meeting between Mr. Amundson and City Manager Don Penman will take place to discuss possible improvements to the City's rating.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: A workshop between Ms. Julia Bogany, Tongva Elder and the third grade school teachers took place. Ms. Lindsey Sun also attended to provide new tour reservation policies and procedures. Ms. Marsha Burkhalter expressed her gratitude for the initiation from Ms. Dana Dunn on setting up this meeting. There was a lot of positive feedback from the teachers. Another workshop is scheduled toward the end of January.

Consent Calendar: It was MSC to approve the corrected Minutes of the September 3, 2008.
M-1-2009

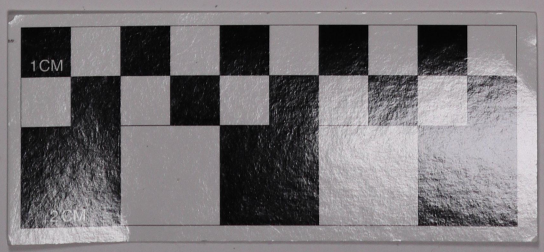
Reports to be discussed and filed:

Staff Report: The Museum is in the process of setting up their next exhibit, *Get Your Kicks on Route 66* which will open on January 10, 2009. Ms. Dunn also reminded Commissioners that the *Winter Holidays Around the World* exhibit runs until February 7, 2009.

The Annual Snow Festival drew approximately 815 people to the Museum. The hot chocolate table and Bob Baker Marionettes Show were popular attractions.

A work table for the Museum's collections area is on order along with outdoor heaters for the patio.

Ms. Dunn informed everyone about the ongoing volunteer projects. Mr. Jack McCrea is accessioning the photograph collection into PastPerfect. Ms. Angela Hurley is working on the archaeological artifacts. The Museum accepted a volunteer, Ms. Ashley Lee, who was referred by Council Member Gary Kovacic. Ms. Lee will input the Museum's postcard collection into PastPerfect. Upon graduation Ms. Amanda Ruth has returned to the Museum to continue her project on the Military Collection.



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STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
March - April 2009
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**
  Total March 2009: 613
  April 1 – 16: 333

- **Exhibits**

Get Your Kicks on Route 66
"Get Your Kicks on Route 66" was a highly visited exhibit which showed images from the infamous Route 66, which spanned from Chicago to Los Angeles. Spotlighted were images from Route 66 in Arcadia. Artifacts from Eaton's hotel and restaurant were displayed. Many visitors enjoyed reminiscing about this nostalgic period and roadway, sparking many conversations among community members. This exhibit ran through March 28, 2009.

The Artwork of Walter Mc Nall
Displayed from February 21 through March 21 was the fantastic artwork of Mr. Walter Mc Nall, a resident of Arcadia since 1950. Besides being a talented artist, Mc Nall is also a Naval Veteran. His artwork is a mixture of naval scenes, seascapes and landscapes. A late afternoon reception accompanied the opening of this exhibit. A toast was given to Mr. Mc Nall with over sixty people in attendance.

History Lives Here Exhibit
This exhibit featured artwork and writing samples from twenty-four Arcadia school children. The exhibit was produced in conjunction with a contest put on by the Arcadia Historical Society. The winners were featured. Ribbons will be awarded by the Arcadia Historical Society for first place and for honorable mention at their quarterly meeting in May. This exhibit will run through May 9, 2009.

Honorable Mention: Mayors of Arcadia
"Mayors of Arcadia" is an historical exhibit, looking at Arcadia's Mayors from 1903, with Elias Baldwin, through 2009 with John Wuo. This exhibit required extensive research in archives and utilized the Museum's collection of photographs. Also featured was first woman Mayor, Mrs. Floretta Lauber. Mrs. Lauber graciously, temporarily, donated her artifacts, which were placed on display. This exhibit began on April 11 and runs through May 30, 2009.

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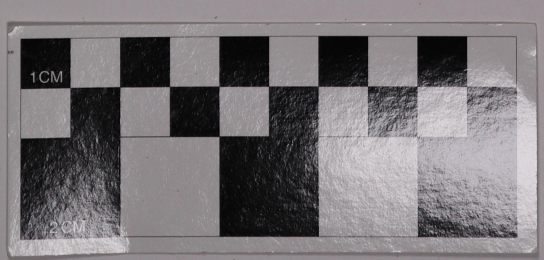


STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

February 17, 2009

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Carolyn Garner-Reagan, Director of Library and Museum Services CGR

SUBJECT: **Gifts in memory of Charles Gilb to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum totaling $2,685**
Recommendation: Accept the donation

SUMMARY

Between July 2 and December 31, 2008, the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum has received donations totaling of $2,685 in memory of Charles Gilb.

DISCUSSION

Charles Gilb was an integral leader in the history of the City of Arcadia, having served as Mayor of Arcadia for four terms and having led an active role in the Produce Industry in Southern California and the United States. He served in various associations and organizations over his lifetime and contributed to the community in education and business. His continued civic service and commitment to the City of Arcadia was highly esteemed by his peers and community members and he received many awards for his dedication. Mr. Gilb died on May 18, 2008. It was the wish of Ruth and Charles Gilb and their family that donations in his memory should go to the Arcadia Historical Museum, which was named in their honor. Ruth and Charles Gilb were major contributors to the construction of Arcadia's Museum structure, which opened in 2001.

Together with $19,635.00 previously accepted by the Council on July 15, donations in memory of Mr. Gilb now total $22,320.

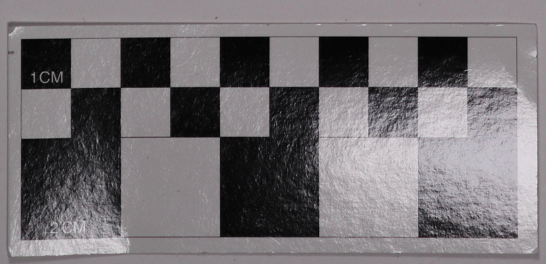
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the donations totaling $2,685 to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum in memory of Charles Gilb from members of the community.

APPROVED: Donald Penman
Donald Penman, City Manager



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STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
January – February 2009
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

Total 2001: 600
Total 2002: 1897
Total 2003: 2717
Total 2004: 2213
Total 2005: 2186
Total 2006: 5194
Total 2007: 6268
Total 2008: 8235

Total January 2009: 557
February 1 – 21: 610

Since our last staff report the Museum has continued with its exhibits, programming and artifact care. Our attendance has continued to rise and we have enjoyed having visitors representing our multi-ethnic community here in Arcadia.

- **Exhibits**

Winter Holidays Around The World
This exhibit began on December 6 and ran through February 7, 2009. It was an historical exhibit with many visual aspects to illustrate cultures around the world and the festivities various people participate in during the winter season. Some of these items were a Chinese lion dance costume, a Jewish menorah, and star lanterns from India. This was a colorful exhibit that brought people in from the cold winter weather for a fun and informative experience regarding other people and places on the globe.

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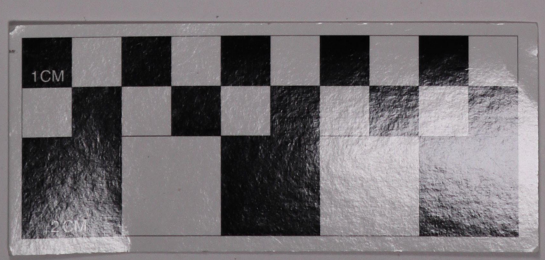

San Marino Tribune 7/17/08

Veterans Are Teachers at Arcadia's Gibb Historical Museum

■ Students Mingle With History and Its Players at Unique Exhibition Highlighting War History.

By Winston Chua
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Mickey Ball stood near the entrance of the museum, something she has done for years, as she greets new and old alike into the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum off Huntington Drive. There, Ball, a veteran of the Korean War, made herself available to visitors, ready to answer questions about her time in the war and what it was like to be a veteran.

She answers questions with grace, knowledge and serenity, with a patience that explains what life was like during a turbulent time in American history. This is what makes this museum unique, it literally comes alive with joy, energy and a pulse, instead of a stillness one might expect from an ordinary museum.

The Arcadia Historical Museum, an auxiliary of the Arcadia Historical Society, ushered in a new exhibit this past Sunday called *'Firsts in Arcadia,'* displaying Arcadia City Hall photos, records and incorporation papers that date back to 1903 that have never been revealed to the public. But it is their Veteran's History Project that has captured center stage in their museum, at least for now.

The veteran's exhibit, which is displayed on the eastern wall of the museum with portions that will last until August, highlights the lives of Arcadia veterans who have served in the Korean War, Vietnam, World War I, World War II or some combination of the above. Multiple groups consisting of three or four honors students from Oliver Beckwith's history class each created colorful posters and interviewed three veterans for their project. The posters and oral recordings give a glimpse into the various Arcadia veterans' involvement in the war. The students from Arcadia High School conducted extensive interviews as they gathered testimonials from local veterans. The audio por-

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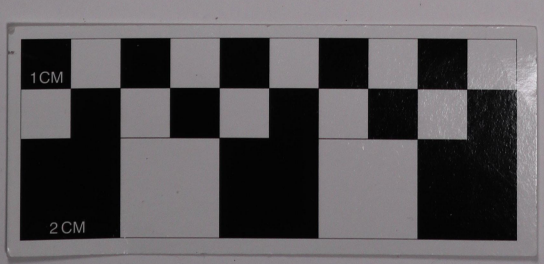


STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
July - August 2008
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

2006 Total:	**5194**
2007 Total:	**6268**
July 2008 Total:	595
August 1-22, 2008:	477
2008 Total to Date:	**5288**

The Museum welcomes visitors on a daily basis who stop in to discuss with staff their own family history in Arcadia as well as the general history of Arcadia. The exhibit area has proven to be a space where residents and visitors to the City come to reminisce and bring memory to the forefront. These experiences leave the visitor in a state of pride about their past and pride in being connected to the history of Arcadia. Our Friends of the Museum volunteers and docents often converse with these visitors, bringing about a feeling of gratification and connection to the community spirit here in Arcadia. Our school tours and Scout programs have continued and have been a wonderful resource for the community to learn local Arcadia history. Our Family Fun Days have also continued, adding to the overall attraction of the Museum for community participation and education. Arcadia Historical Society members and the Friends of the Museum come into the Museum on a regular basis to contribute to programs and customer service.

New Education Coordinator, Ms. Lindsey Sun, started employment on August 12, 2008. She has been approved as a part-time permanent employee for thirty hours per week.

The Museum hosted the Getty Multicultural Undergraduate Summer Intern through July and August. The intern for this year was Ms. Renee Wong, a previous resident of Arcadia and Arcadia High School graduate. Ms. Wong was temporarily employed from June 14 through August 22.

- **Exhibits**

Ms. Dana Dunn is currently working on the 2009 Exhibit Calendar.

The *Artifact of the Month* for July was an artifact on temporary loan from Mr. Gene Glasco. The item was a pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals. These sandals were loaned for temporary display in the Museum's Arcadia Veterans Local History Room. The *Artifact of the Month* for August was a copy of a menu from Eaton's restaurant. The menu was put on display in the front gallery of the Museum.

Arcadia Veterans History Project

The *Arcadia Veterans History Project* exhibit continued through the months of July and August. The exhibit features students' work from Arcadia High School which was led by teacher, Mr. Oliver

STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

August 19, 2008

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janet Sporleder, Library and Museum Services Director
By Dana Dunn, Museum Curator

SUBJECT: **Quarterly Gifts to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum from the Arcadia Historical Society in the amount of $1,500.00 per quarter.**
Recommendation: Accept the donation

SUMMARY

Each quarter the Arcadia Historical Society gifts the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Museum $1,500.00 for artifact care and programming. The total gift each year equals $6,000.

DISCUSSION

Since the opening of the Ruth and Charles Gilb Historical Museum, the Arcadia Historical Society has been making gifts of $1,500.00 each quarter to the Museum for artifact care and Museum programming. The Historical Society owns the artifacts that established the opening day collection. Artifacts that are housed at the Museum, beginning in 2001, are the property of the Arcadia Historical Museum. These funds are used to protect and preserve those artifacts. The funding is also designated to help in providing historical programming in the Museum.

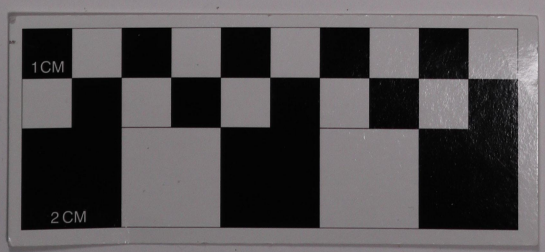
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's budget. The funds are expended in accordance with direction from the Arcadia Historical Society.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept quarterly gifts from the Arcadia Historical Society in the amount of $1,500.00.

APPROVED: Donald Penman
Donald Penman, City Manager



STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

July 15, 2008

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janet Sporleder, Library and Museum Services Director
By Dana Dunn, Museum Curator

SUBJECT: **Gifts in memory of Charles Gilb to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum totaling $ 19,635.00**
Recommendation: Accept the donation

SUMMARY

As of July 1, 2008, one hundred and six (106) individuals, families and businesses have donated a total of $19,635.00 to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum in memory of Charles Gilb.

DISCUSSION

Charles Gilb was an integral leader in the history of the City of Arcadia, serving as Mayor of Arcadia for four terms. He led an active role in the Produce Industry in Southern California and the United States. He served in various associations and organizations over his lifetime and contributed to the community in education and business. Highly esteemed by his peers and community members, he received many awards for his civic service and commitment to the City of Arcadia. Mr. Gilb died on May 18, 2008. It was the wish from Ruth and Charles Gilb and their family that donations in his memory should go to the Arcadia Museum, which was named in their honor. Ruth and Charles Gilb were major contributors in the construction of Arcadia's Museum structure, which was opened in 2001.

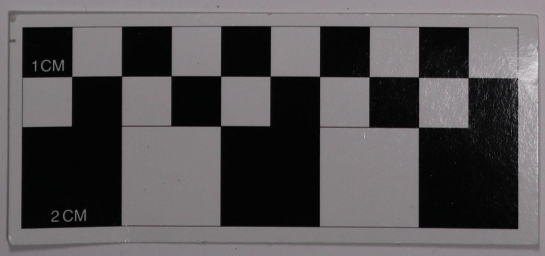
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City's budget. The funds will be expended per direction of the Historical Museum Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the donations totaling $19,635.00 to the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum in memory of Charles Gilb from members of the community.

APPROVED: Donald Penman
Donald Penman, City Manager



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Janet Sporleder
Director of Library and Museum Services

July 31, 2008

Pete Siberell
Director of Special Projects
Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc. 285 W. Huntington Drive
P.O. Box 60014
Arcadia, CA 91066-6014

Dear Pete,

On behalf of the Arcadia Historical Commission and all the members of the community that value the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum, I want to thank you for the $500 donation generated by the 2008 Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run & Walk.

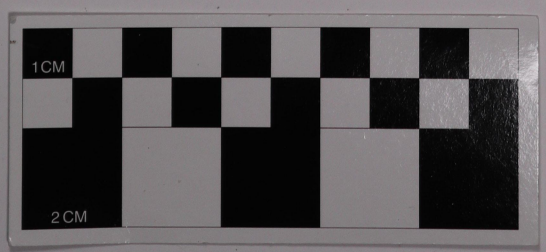
The Museum has received support from Santa Anita Park's Derby Day 5K event in previous years. We appreciate this continued connection as we recognize and applaud the important role Santa Anita Park plays in our community and our history.

The funds will be used in support of the Museum's mission to preserve Arcadia's heritage, to create a shared identity for a diverse community and to celebrate the City's rich history with exhibitions and programs.

Sincerely,

Janet Sporleder
Director of Library and Museum Services

Cc: Donald Penman, City Manager



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AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

September 3, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
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2. **Roll Call**
3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**
4. **Matters from Council Liaison**
5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**
6. **New Museum Commissioners**
7. **Appointment of Liaison to the Arcadia Historical Society**
8. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2008
9. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society Report
   c. Friends of the Museum Report
   d. Major Gift Committee Report

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AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

May 7, 2008
5:00 p.m.
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3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**
4. **Matters from Council Liaison**
5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**
6. **Introduction of Lindsey Sun, Acting Education Coordinator**
7. **Consent Calendar**
   - **Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2008**
8. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. **Staff report**
   b. **Historical Society Report**
   c. **Friends of the Museum**
9. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. **Major Gift Committee/Wish List**
   b. **New Checklists**
      - **Daily Checklist**
      - **Monthly Cleaning Schedule**

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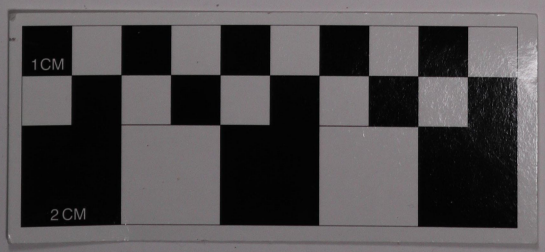


ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Floretta Lauber at 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2009.

Pledge to the Flag: Ms. Marsha Burkhalter led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; Floretta Lauber; Peter Amundson (City Council Liaison); Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Director of Library and Museum Services); Dana Dunn (Curator); Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

It was MSC to excuse Mr. Joseph Feghali and Ms. Alice Wang from the meeting. **M-3-2009**

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: In seeking to improve the low rating that the City of Arcadia received from the Los Angeles Conservancy for historic preservation, Mr. Peter Amundson sought the suggestions of City Manager, Mr. Don Penman and the City Council. Further discussion on this matter will be placed on the Agenda at the next City Council meeting. The City Council hopes to raise the City's rating through cost-effective measures. Ms. Floretta Lauber questioned why historical projects such as the Arcadia Historical Society's "History Lives Here" historical markers did not factor into the rating. To create a better understanding of the Conservancy's grading system, Ms. Dana Dunn offered her expertise from classes she took about preservation. One reason for the City's score included the lack of a Historic Preservation Officer or Office who would create and oversee certain preservation policies and procedures.

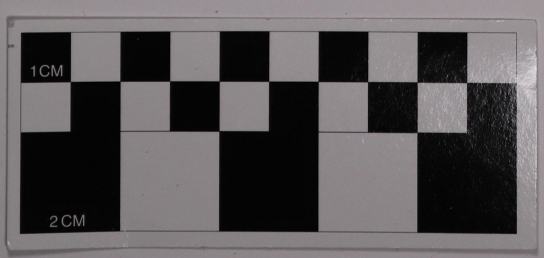
Due to the current economic conditions, the City Council is seeking to balance loss in revenue with proposed budget cuts from each City department.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: The Walter McNall opening reception was described by Ms. Lauber as "tasteful" and "professional." Also the lighting for the exhibit proved to be up to par with other museum art galleries.

Consent Calendar: It was MSC to approve the corrected Minutes of January 7, 2009. Amended corrections include Ms. Lauber's suggestions on looking into enlargement equipment for Museum displays. Further information about this matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **M-4-2009**

Reports to be discussed and filed:

Staff Report: The *Get Your Kicks on Route 66* and *The Artwork of Walter McNall* exhibits continued to draw attention and were well-received by the community. The McNall exhibit was a way of drawing adult attention as well as attendance to the Museum from the art community which proved to be successful. The Museum will be collaborating with the Arcadia Historical Society on their *History Lives Here* exhibit. Entries from the *Creative Expression Contest* will be exhibited in the back gallery from March 28 to May 9, 2009. There will be an Opening Reception on March 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Museum with light refreshments served. Ms. Dunn has rotated the displays in the *Arcadia Veterans Local History Room* which will now feature Mr. Al



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AGENDA

Arcadia Historical Museum Commission

March 5, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room of the
Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum

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1. **Pledge to the Flag**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Museum Commission**

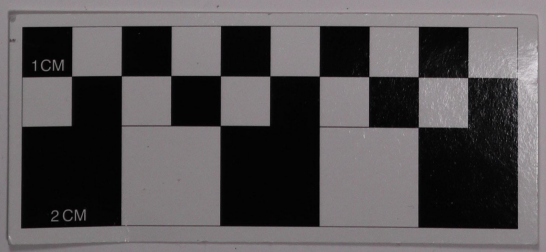
4. **Matters from Council Liaison**

5. **Matters from Historical Museum commission Members**

6. **Consent Calendar**
   - **Minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2008**

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. **Staff report**
   b. **Historical Society Report**
   c. **Friends of the Museum**

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. **California Council of Historical Societies (CCHS) Winter Symposium**
   b. **Major Gift Committee**
   c. ***Risk Assessment for Collection Preservation* by Julie Page, California Preservation Program**
   d. **City budget preparation**
   e. **IMLS *Connecting to Collections Bookshelf***



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January 7, 2009
5:00 p.m.
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6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2008

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society and Friends of the Museum Report
   c. Major Gift Committee Report

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Alcohol Policy
   b. Museum Education Center
   c. Museum Patio Occupancy Load

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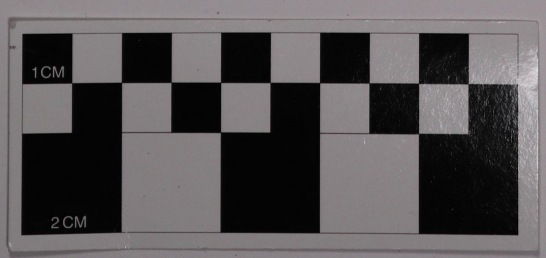

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November 5, 2008
5:00 p.m.
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4. **Matters from Council Liaison**

5. **Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members**

6. **Consent Calendar**
   Minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2008

7. **Reports to be discussed and filed**
   a. Staff Report
   b. Historical Society Report
   c. Friends of the Museum Report
   d. Major Gift Committee Report

8. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
   a. Retirement of Janet Sporleder, Director of Museum and Library Services

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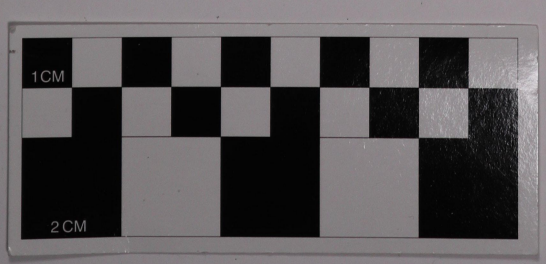


STAFF REPORT

Library and Museum Services Department

Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum
Staff Report
September - October 2008
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

2006 Total:	**5194**
2007 Total:	**6268**
September 2008 Total:	605
October 1-23, 2008:	538
2008 Total to Date:	**5963**

Since the last Staff Report the Museum has been very busy creating new exhibits, participating in new educational activities and reaching out to the community and other City departments. Our numbers continue to rise and we are seeing many community members who have never visited the Museum before, some of whom are long-time Arcadia residents.

- **Exhibits**

Ms. Dana Dunn has completed the 2009 Exhibit Calendar:

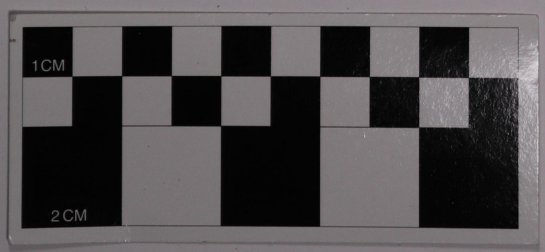
December 6 – February 7
Winter Holidays Around the World
Opening Reception: December 6, 11:00am to 2:00pm

January 10 – March 28
Get Your Kicks on Route 66

February 21 – March 21
The Artwork of Walter McNall
Opening Reception: February 21, 3:00 to 4:00pm

March 28 – May 9
The Arcadia Historical Society Presents:
History Lives Here, Creative Expressions Contest
Opening Reception: March 28, 11:00am to 2:00pm

April 11 – May 30
Honorable Mention: Mayors of Arcadia
Opening Reception: April 11, 11:00am to 2:00pm



ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMISSION
MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Floretta Lauber at 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2008.

Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Vince Foley led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Margaret Barrows; Marsha Burkhalter; Vincent Foley; Ruth Gilb; William Gleason; Floretta Lauber; Peter Amundson (City Council Liaison); Carolyn Garner-Reagan (Library Services Manager); Dana Dunn (Curator); Lindsey Sun (Education Coordinator).

It was MSC to excuse Mr. Joseph Feghali and Ms. Alice Wang from the meeting. **M-13-2008**

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: An update on City Council activities was given by Mr. Peter Amundson. The City is moving forward to replace the Lighting District Act of 1919 with the formation of the Arcadia Citywide Lighting District 2009-1. This allows the City and residents to share in the cost of lighting. Mr. Amundson was excited about the upcoming Breeder's Cup in October. This occasion should bring Arcadia highly anticipated revenue and publicity. The City appropriated transit funds for the two-day event. Furthermore the event will return in 2009. The redevelopment area around the Huntington and Monrovia border to Santa Anita and First Avenue will have Holiday decorations paid for by the City's Redevelopment Agency. If the experiment is successful, the City will make this a yearly tradition. Mr. Amundson ended his report with the announcement of a 9/11 commemorative event where the City will take possession of a California Office of Emergency Services owned engine numbered 343. The number 343 represents the amount of New York firefighters lost during 9/11.

Matters from Historical Museum Commission Members: The Museum's increasing attendance and activities was appreciated by Ms. Lauber. Ms. Lauber suggested that the Museum should develop more adult educational programs. In response, Ms. Dunn replied that she would be working together with Education Coordinator Lindsey Sun on improving adult educational programs.

Mrs. Barrows advised the Museum to circulate information about the upcoming Tongva opening reception to third grade teachers and their students. The recommendation was noted and Mrs. Burkhalter acknowledged receipt of fliers from Ms. Dunn about the event. Mrs. Burkhalter will distribute the information and also plans on buying a copy of *Images of America: Arcadia* for each third grade teacher.

New Museum Commissioners: Welcoming introductions were made by the Commissioners to the new members of the Commission. Mr. Foley indicated his pleasure about being on the Commission and hopes to make a positive contribution.

10. **Items for update/discussion/appropriate action**
    a. Donations in memory of Charles Gilb
    b. Getty Multicultural Undergraduate Intern – Renee Wong
    c. Resignation of Museum Education Coordinator

11. **Announcements/Items for Information/Correspondence**
    a. Letter from Gilb Family
    b. 2008 Exhibition Calendar
    b. Brown Bag Lunch Talks
        - *July – August*
    c. Arcadia Veterans Local History Room Dedication invitation
    d. Arcadia Veterans History Project flyer
    e. Artifact of the Month
        - May – Japanese Cooker
    f. Family Fun Days
        - *Family Fun Days, June – August*
        - *Asian Pacific flyer*
        - *Hot Fun in the Summertime fact sheet*
    g. Docent for a Day flyer
    h. California Historian article on the CCHS Symposium

12. **Adjourn to Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum**

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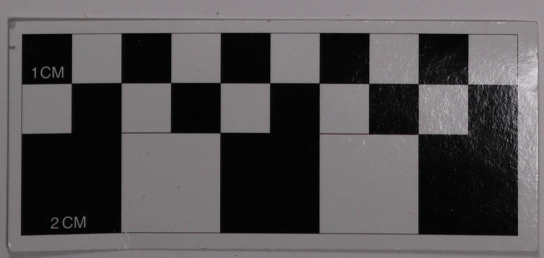

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Arcadia Historical Museum Commission was convened at the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum and was called to order by Chairperson Joseph Feghali at 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 2008.

Pledge to the Flag: Carol Libby led the Pledge.

Roll Call: Present: Peter Amundson (City Council Liason); Margaret Barrows; Dana Dunn (Museum Curator); Joseph Feghali; William (Bill) Gleason; Floretta Lauber; Carol Libby; Janet Sporleder (Director of Library and Museum Services); Lindsey Sun (Acting Education Coordinator).

Charles Gilb submitted his resignation on May 6, 2008.

Time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Historical Commission: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Matters from Council Liaison: Council Member Peter Amundson updated the Commission on the 2007 City budget. He informed the Commission that the budget is unbalanced and the City Council is working on settling accounts.

Matters from Historical Commission Members: Ms. Lauber commended the thoroughness of Curator Dana Dunn's staff report. Ms. Lauber informed the Commission of her satisfaction with Ms. Dunn's implementation of a daily opening and closing checklist, monthly cleaning schedule and an internship program.

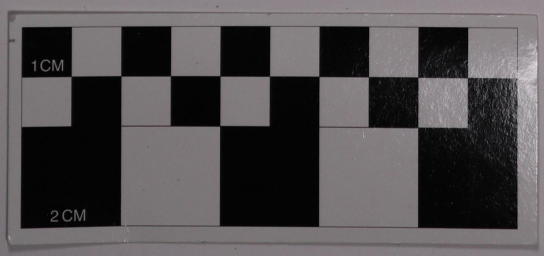
Ms. Carol Libby made suggestions on having a sign designating "For Museum Patrons Only" placed over the two front parking spaces in the parking lot. Mr. Feghali suggested making a petition to the Arcadia Police Department. Ms. Sporleder informed the Commission that she would look into following the proper channels to have the signs approved by the City.

Introduction of Lindsey Sun, Acting Education Coordinator: Ms. Sun informed the Commissioners of her background and responsibilities.

Consent Calendar: Ms. Lauber noted an inaccuracy from the minutes of the March 5, 2008 Regular Meeting. Ms. Lauber's position as chairperson of the Major Gift Committee was left out of the minutes. Ms. Dunn will correct the minutes and submit. **M-06-2008**

Reports to be discussed and filed:

Staff Report: Ms. Dunn informed the Commission about the Museum's June 6 Arcadia Veterans Project Exhibit opening reception. Also on May 7, the Museum will host its Arcadia Veterans Local History Room Dedication opening reception.



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Staff Report
May - June 2008
Prepared by Dana Dunn, Curator

- **Visitors**

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May 2008 Total:	982
June 1-21, 2008:	668
2008 Total to Date:	**4493**

The Museum welcomes visitors on a daily basis who stop in to discuss with staff their own family history in Arcadia as well as the general history of Arcadia. The exhibit area has proven to be a space where residents and visitors to the City come to reminisce and bring memory to the forefront. These experiences leave the visitor in a state of pride about their past and pride in being connected to the history of Arcadia. Our Friends of the Museum volunteers and docents often converse with these visitors, bringing about a feeling of gratification and connection to the community spirit here in Arcadia. Our school tours and Scout programs have continued and have been a wonderful resource for the community to learn local Arcadia history. Our Family Fun Days have also continued, adding to the overall attraction of the Museum for community participation and education. Arcadia Historical Society members and the Friends of the Museum come into the Museum on a regular basis to contribute to programs and customer service.

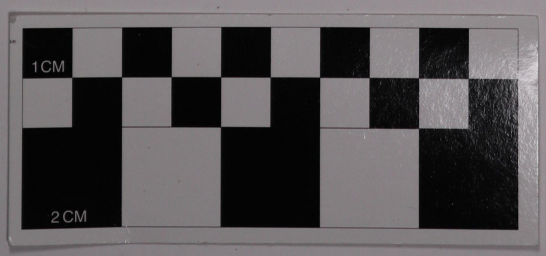
Education Coordinator, Hwee-Ching Sinclair has resigned her position as of July 1. Lindsey Sun will continue to work as an Administrative Intern until the position has been filled. Ms. Sun has been approved to work twenty hours per week.

- **Exhibits**

The *Artifact of the Month* for May was a Japanese Gas Cooker out of our permanent collection. This artifact was chosen to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Arcadia Veterans History Project

A new temporary exhibit, the *Arcadia Veterans History Project*, opened with a reception on June 6 and will show through August 30, 2008. The exhibit features students' work from Arcadia High School which was led by teacher, Oliver Beckwith. Mr. Beckwith has worked in collaboration with the Museum on developing an annual high school exhibit program each spring. Students interviewed, recorded and created transcripts on local Arcadia military veterans. These records will be sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. for their archives. The Museum will also receive copies of the interviews and transcripts for its collection.



Arcadia Historical Museum presents...

BROWN BAG LUNCH TALKS

The Museum will continue presenting our popular Brown Bag Lunch Talks which take place the third Thursday of every month in the Museum's meeting room at noon to 12:30pm. Come and listen to our guest speakers who will present snippets about Arcadia history, people, places and events. Bring your own lunch or enjoy pizza, on us! For information on each talk please call in advance or consult our website.

Upcoming Talks

June 19: *Hugo Reid* by Mickey Ball

July 17: *Growing Up in Arcadia* by Floretta Lauber

August 21: *Arcadia Before the Big Mac* by Gene Glasco

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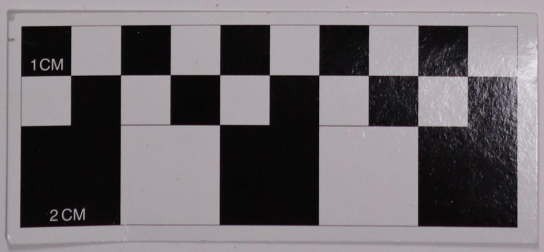

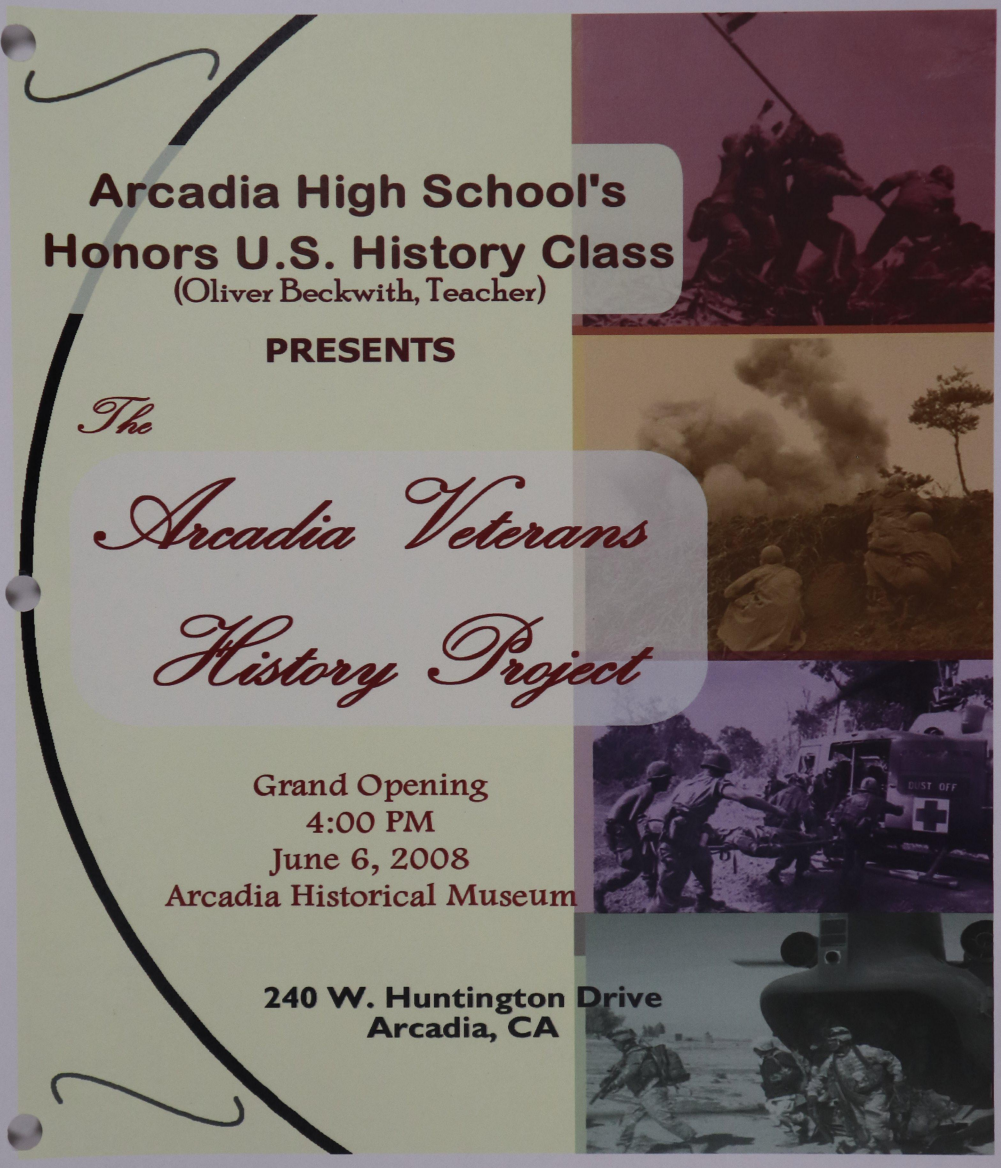
Arcadia High School's
Honors U.S. History Class
(Oliver Beckwith, Teacher)
PRESENTS
The
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Grand Opening
4:00 PM
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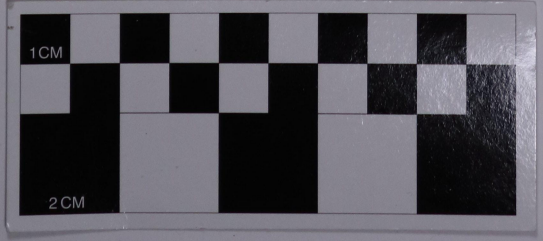
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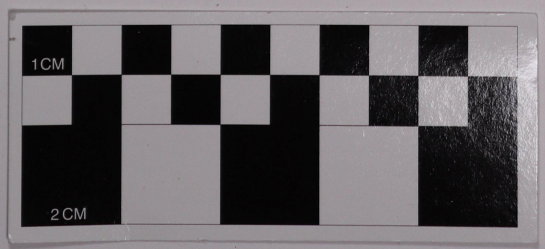
Artifact of the month
Can you find me in the museum?

JAPANESE GAS COOKER

In celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Ruth & Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum is proud to present our artifact of the month, an antique Japanese gas cooker. The gas cooker is composed of beige, cracked marble with a wood stand. The burner is on the base of the gas cooker with the gas valve and hook on the bottom of the burner.

In viewing the artifact of the month, residents of Arcadia can get an idea of the different cookware Asian Pacific residents used in their homes. The Japanese used gas cookers in place of gas stoves that Americans used. These gas cookers were portable and were multi-functional. The Japanese used gas cookers to make rice, soup and grill fish, meat and vegetables.



Family Fun Days

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Hot Fun in the Summertime!

Saturday, June 21, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Did you know that June 21 is the summer solstice? Come celebrate the longest day of the year at the Arcadia Historical Museum, where you will be able to make window clings, sunlight prints, bookmarks, and fans! You can also enjoy a children's story about the Summer Solstice.

Fearless Fire Fighters

Saturday, July 12, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Fire fighters are among the most selfless and heroic members of society; they have saved countless lives without even the notion of reward. Take this opportunity to show your appreciation and thanks to these heroes; they will be at the Arcadia Historical Museum, sharing their stories and showing their equipment. You will also have the opportunity to inspect their old 1926 fire truck!

Old Time Family Fun Day

Saturday, August 9, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

How did kids manage to possibly have fun before there were TVs, iPods, or computers? They played games of course! Take an afternoon off and visit the Arcadia Historical Museum where we will be playing old fashioned games and serving up some home made ice-cream.

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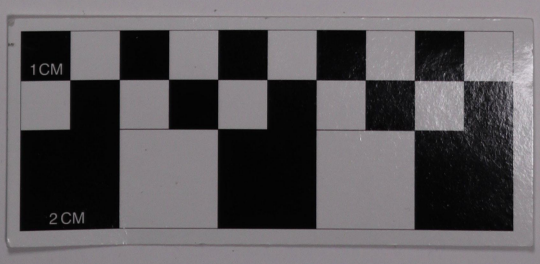

Come celebrate our Asian Creations and Fun Family Fun Day!

05/17/08

Noon-2:00 p.m.

12:00-1:15 p.m. Make crafts celebrating Asian inventions: the pinwheel, origami, kites, stamps. Participate in our Polynesian dance workshop.

1:30-1:45 p.m. See our Korean folk tale puppet show performed by our young adult volunteers

1:45-2:00 p.m. See a Polynesian dance and song performance

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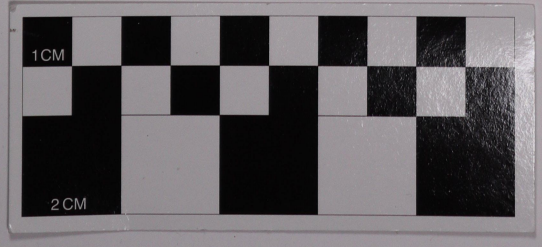

Hot Fun in the Summertime!

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Come Celebrate with us at our Family Fun Day!
Admission is free!

12:00 p.m.—1:45 p.m.
Make window clings, sunlight prints, bookmarks and fans to help you cool down!

1:45 p.m.– 2:00 pm.
Hear a children's story about Summer Solstice!

Did you know?

June 21 is Summer Solstice, which is the longest day of the year and the first day of summer.

In Lithuania, villagers used to celebrate Summer Solstice by rolling burning bundles of straw down the hill. If the hay sank into the river, it was considered to bring good luck for the upcoming harvest.

Some Native American tribes in North and South America built large sun dials made of stone. When the sun came up during Summer Solstice, its rays would shine through the middle of the sun dial.

The Chumash Indians of California would paint on the walls of caves. They would cut holes through the ceilings of caves to allow the sun to shine on their paintings during Summer Solstice.

In Egypt, Summer Solstice is the day when the water in the Nile River would rise. Egyptians used to celebrate Summer Solstice in honor of their goddess Isis, who mourned over the death of her husband, Osiris. Her tears filled the Nile River and made it overflow.

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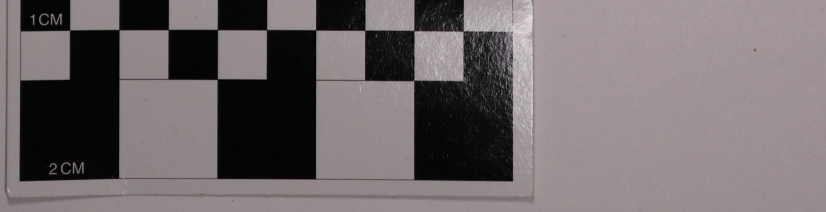


February 2008 symposium educates, delights CCHS members

By John Anicic, Jr., Regional Vice President, Region 19

Once Lucky Baldwin's luxurious guest house, the Queen Anne Cottage has not been lived in since his death in 1909. After years of neglect it was restored and refurnished with period Victoriana and formally dedicated as a state historic landmark in 1954.

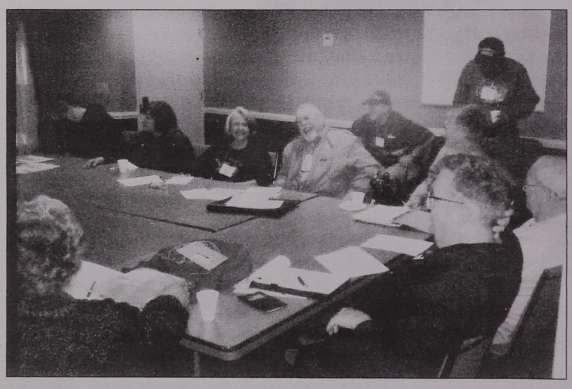
Photographs in this article were taken by John Anicic, Jr.

The spring symposium for CCHS members, February 14-17, 2008, was a most rewarding and pleasant weekend. The events arranged by our gracious hosts from the Arcadia Historical Society went off like clockwork.

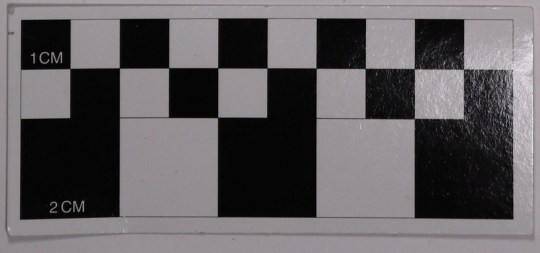
Upon arrival on Thursday, members were welcomed at a reception at the Wong home in Arcadia. The many oriental artifacts on display for viewing were a special bonus. Complimentary treats along with wine and coffee sparked the evening soirée and got the symposium off to a flying start. The next two days covered business and how-to learning sessions and exploring the area's historic buildings and sites.

Friday's how-to session "Cooperate and collaborate at your local library," a panel discussion followed by a question

Carol Libby (standing), president of the Arcadia Historical Society, met CCHS members with warm greeting as they registered for February symposium at AHS Museum.



Executive committee members attended a business meeting at the Oak Tree Hotel with President Al Minard in charge. Al is the charming white-bearded gentleman on the far side of the table.



Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum hosts

Docent for a Day

3rd Graders & Families Day

A special day dedicated to all you 3rd graders who had visited the Museum throughout the school year with your schools. From 10-2pm, bring your friends and families in and take them on a tour led specially by you. At the end of your visit, families can join us for some refreshments at the patio while you, the student-docent, get to make your very own "Docent for a Day" button to take home! Just fill out the form and bring it in with you on that day.

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2008
Time: 10-2p.m.
Location: 380 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia

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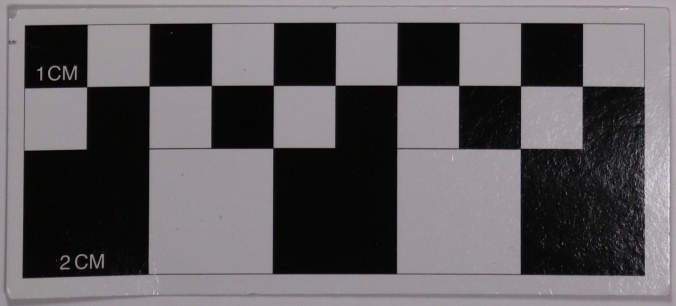
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